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'CAUSE THE WONDERMENT  
IS ABOUT TO BEGIN!

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**O**f the countless natural wonders on the planet Mobius, none can compare to the awe and majesty of the fabled FLOATING ISLAND.

Its secrets, including those of the legendary CHAOS EMERALD, are preserved and protected by KNUCKLES THE ECHIDNA. He is the most current sentinel in a long line of guardians.

Though forever apart from the affairs of those who dwell below, the island has its own unique tales of triumph and tragedy. Raised to lofty heights by the power of science, technology would eventually prove a double-edged sword... and a culture's ultimate downfall.

Once home to the most advanced society in living memory, the land has since reverted back to wilderness. But buried deep beneath the shadow of MOUNT FATE lie signposts to a checkered past—and the artifacts of days perhaps best forgotten.

Still, history has a knack for refreshing the memories of those who fail to heed its lessons.

And that is where our story begins...



DEEP WITHIN THE BOWELS OF  
THE FABLED FLOATING ISLAND  
ABOVE PLANET MOBIUS...

...A VAST UNDERGROUND COMPLEX  
IS ABOUT TO BE INVADED!

HMM... THE ANCIENTS GUARD  
THEIR SECRETS WELL!

CHAMBER'S LOUSY WITH  
MOTION-SENSORS...

EVERYTHING  
FROM TRIPWIRES  
TO PRESSURE  
PLATES...

--TO COMPLEX  
INFRARED  
ARRAYS!

TRAPDOORS AND  
DEADFALLS FAR AS  
THE ELECTRIC EYE  
CAN SEE!

BOOBY  
TRAPS BOTH  
RIDICULOUS...

...AND  
EXOTIC!

NO WAY CAN I CROSS  
THE ROOM WITHOUT SETTING  
AT LEAST ONE OF 'EM OFF!

SO...



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**KNUCKLES**

**TRIALS** of

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... I'LL JUST  
HAVE TO  
IMPROVISE!

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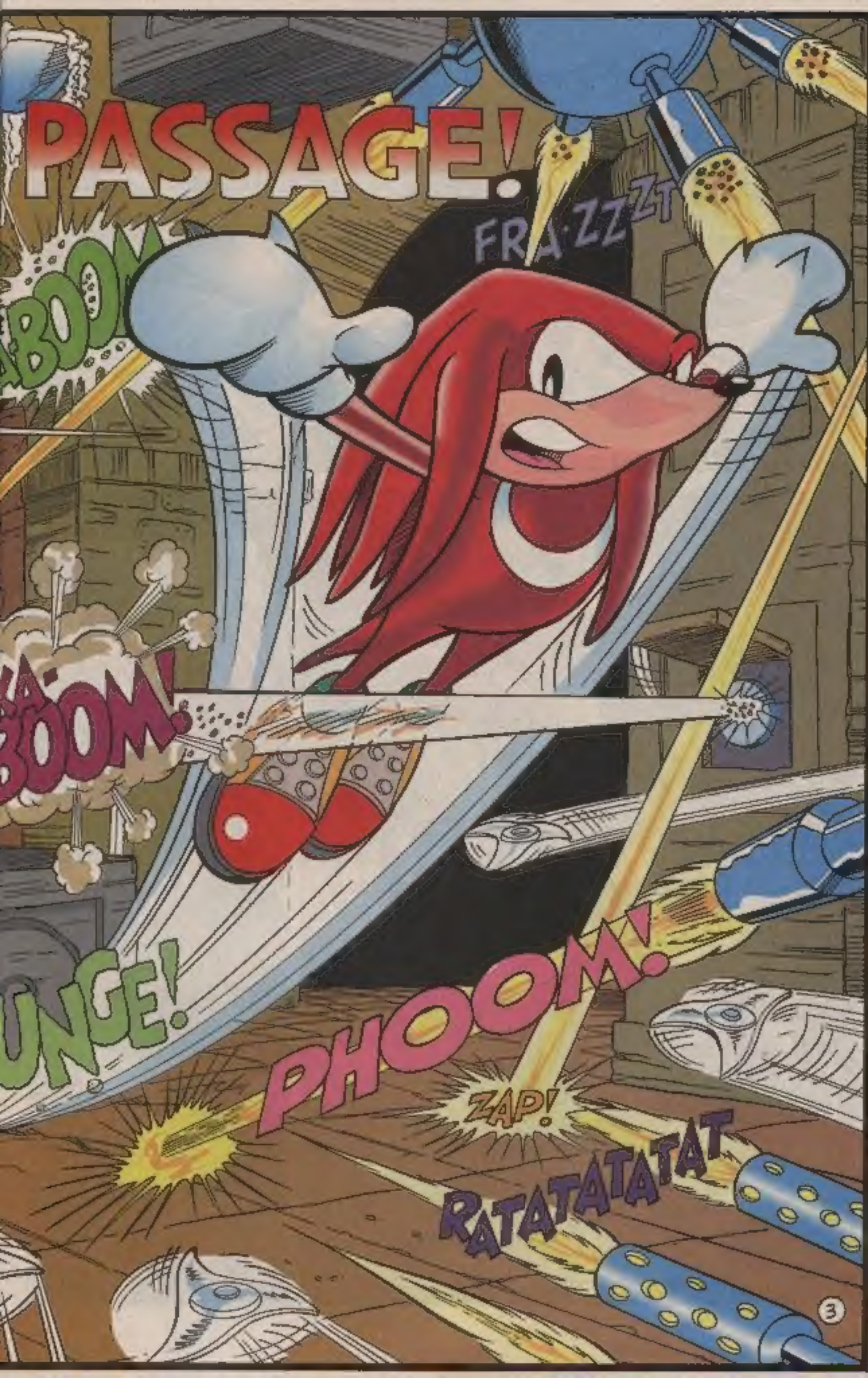
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PASSAGE!

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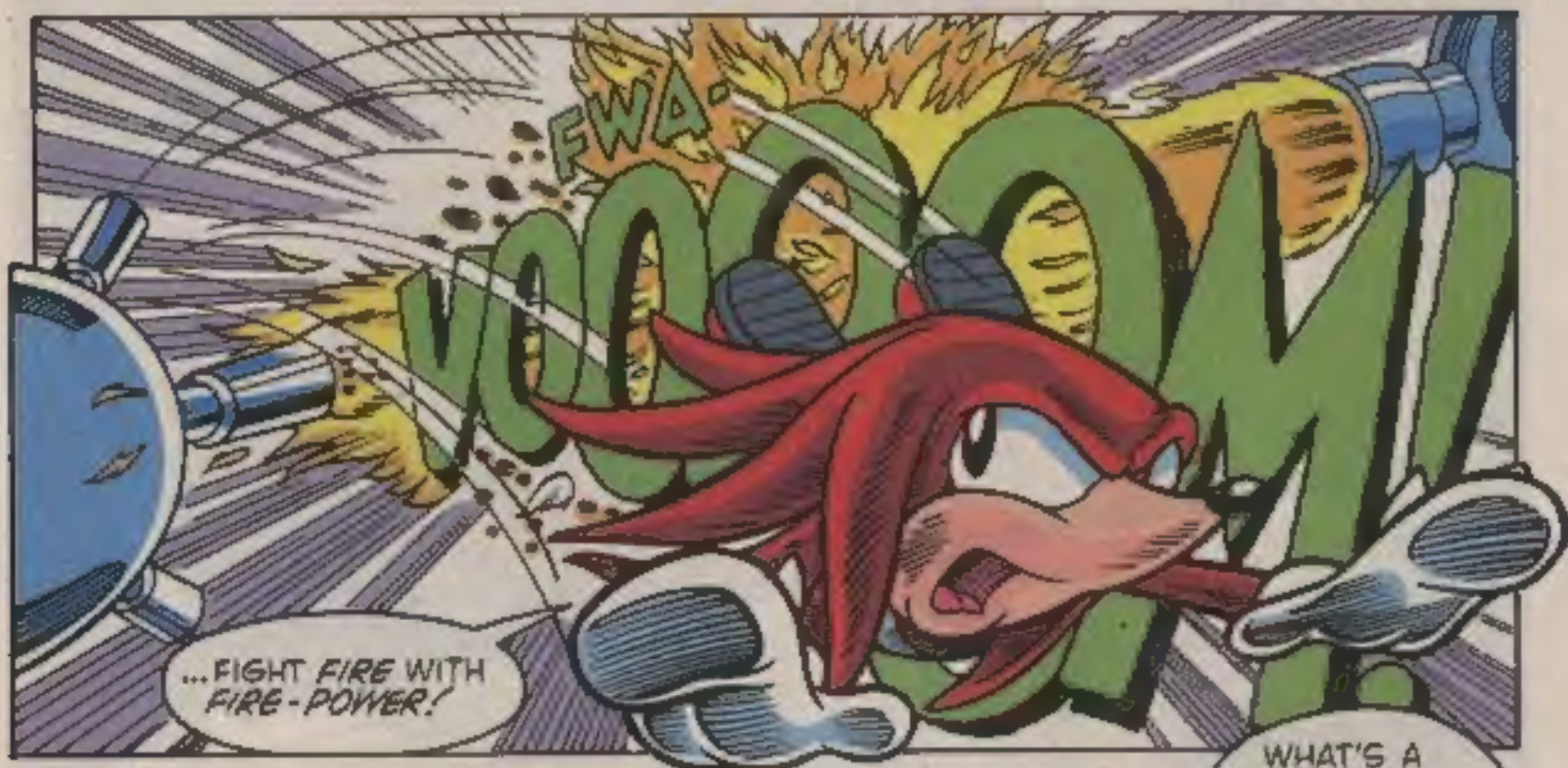
ZAP!

RATATATAT











SAME WAY I ALWAYS DO--

--BY LEAPING WITHOUT LOOKING!

AND WHEN I WASN'T LOOKING...

\*...ARCHIMEDES PUT THE SNATCH ON THE CHAOTIX!\*

"SEE KNUCKLES CHAOTIX #1-FREDDY"

"HE'D BEEN PLAGUING ME FOR WEEKS WITH TAUNTS AND RIDDLES-- BUT THAT WAS THE LAST STRAW!"

\*... ONLY TO FIND MOUNT RATE!

"I SEARCHED FOR ANSWERS..."

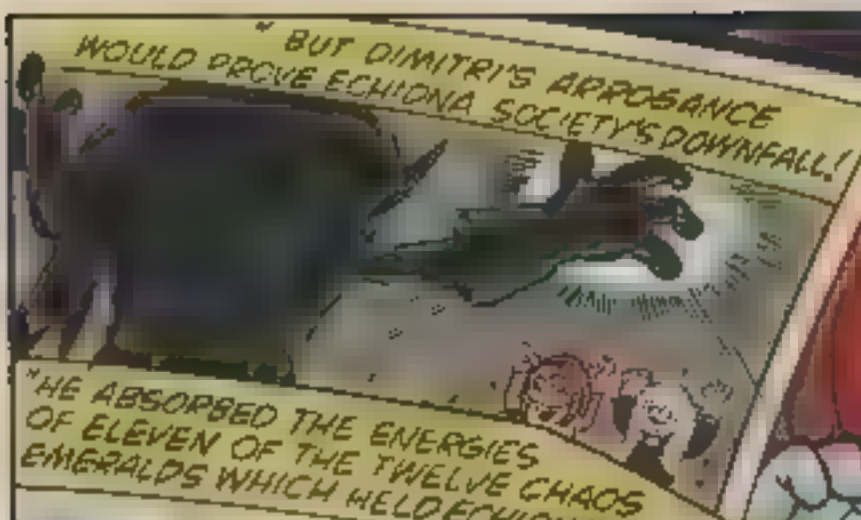
"DAD OFTEN SPOKE OF THE MYTHS AND LEGENDS WHICH CENTER AROUND IT..."

\*... DATING BACK TO WHEN OUR HOME-LAND FIRST TOUCHED THE SKY! \*

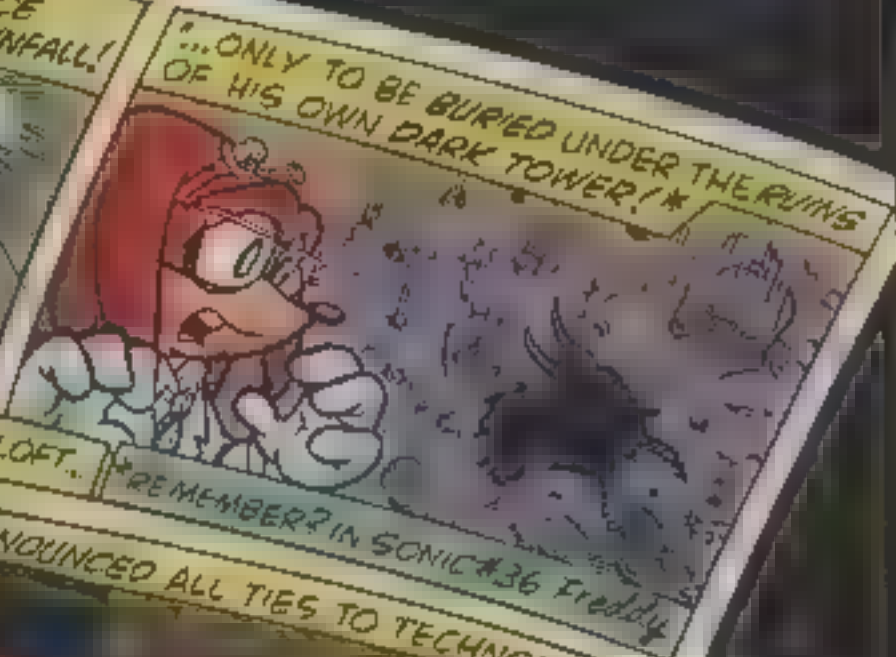
"GENERATIONS LATER, BROTHERS EDMUND AND DIMITRI SOUGHT TO RETURN THIS ISLAND TO MOBIUS..."

\*AS CHRONICLED IN SONIC #34-FREDDY



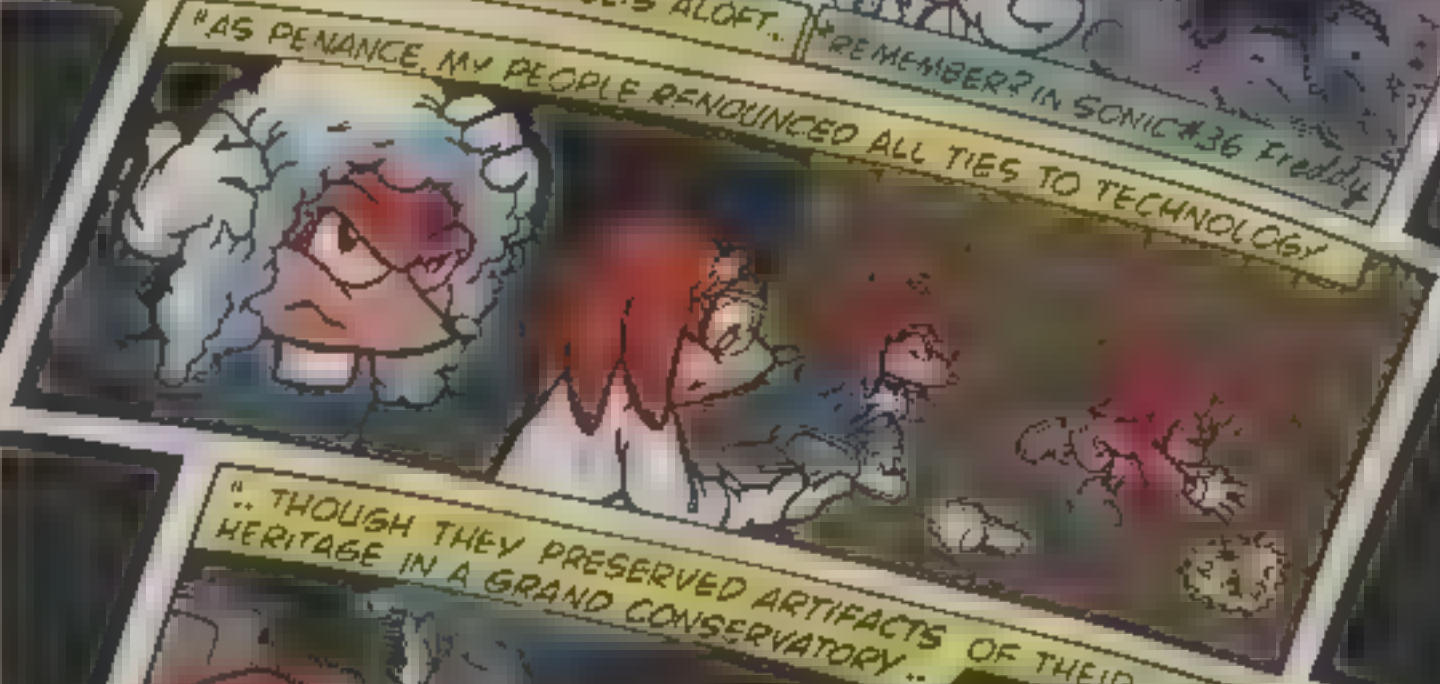


"BUT DIMITRI'S ARROGANCE  
WOULD PROVE ECHIDNA SOCIETY'S DOWNFALL!"



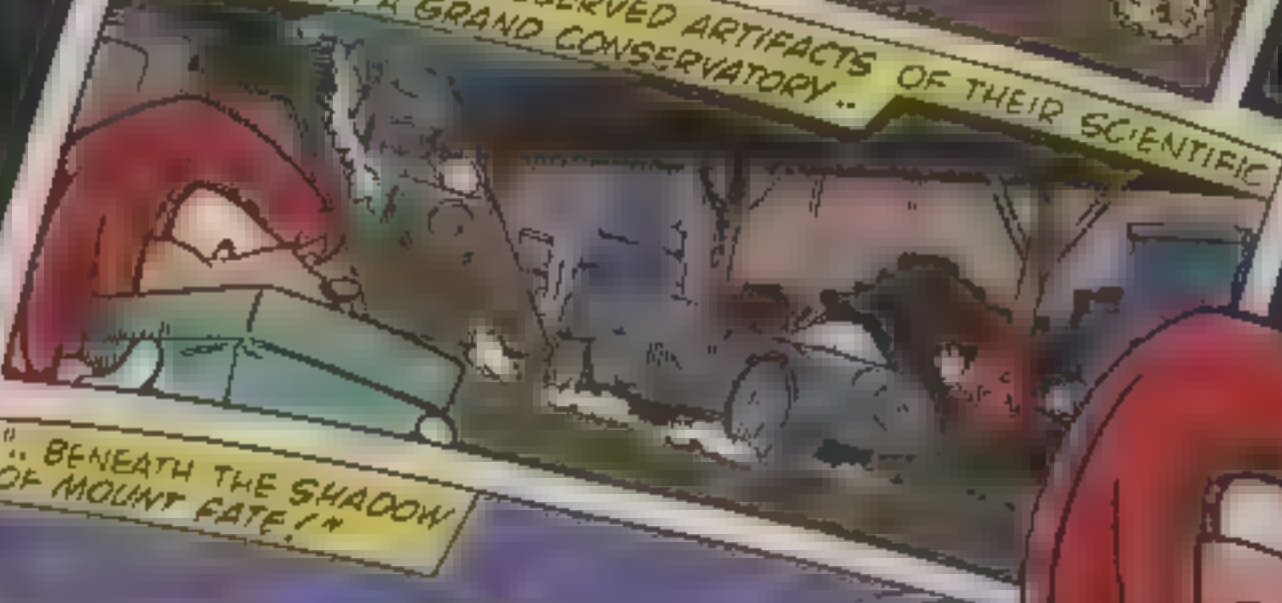
"...ONLY TO BE BURIED UNDER THE RUINS  
OF HIS OWN DARK TOWER! \*

"HE ABSORBED THE ENERGIES  
OF ELEVEN OF THE TWELVE CHAOS  
EMERALDS WHICH HELD ECHIDNAPOLIS ALOFT..

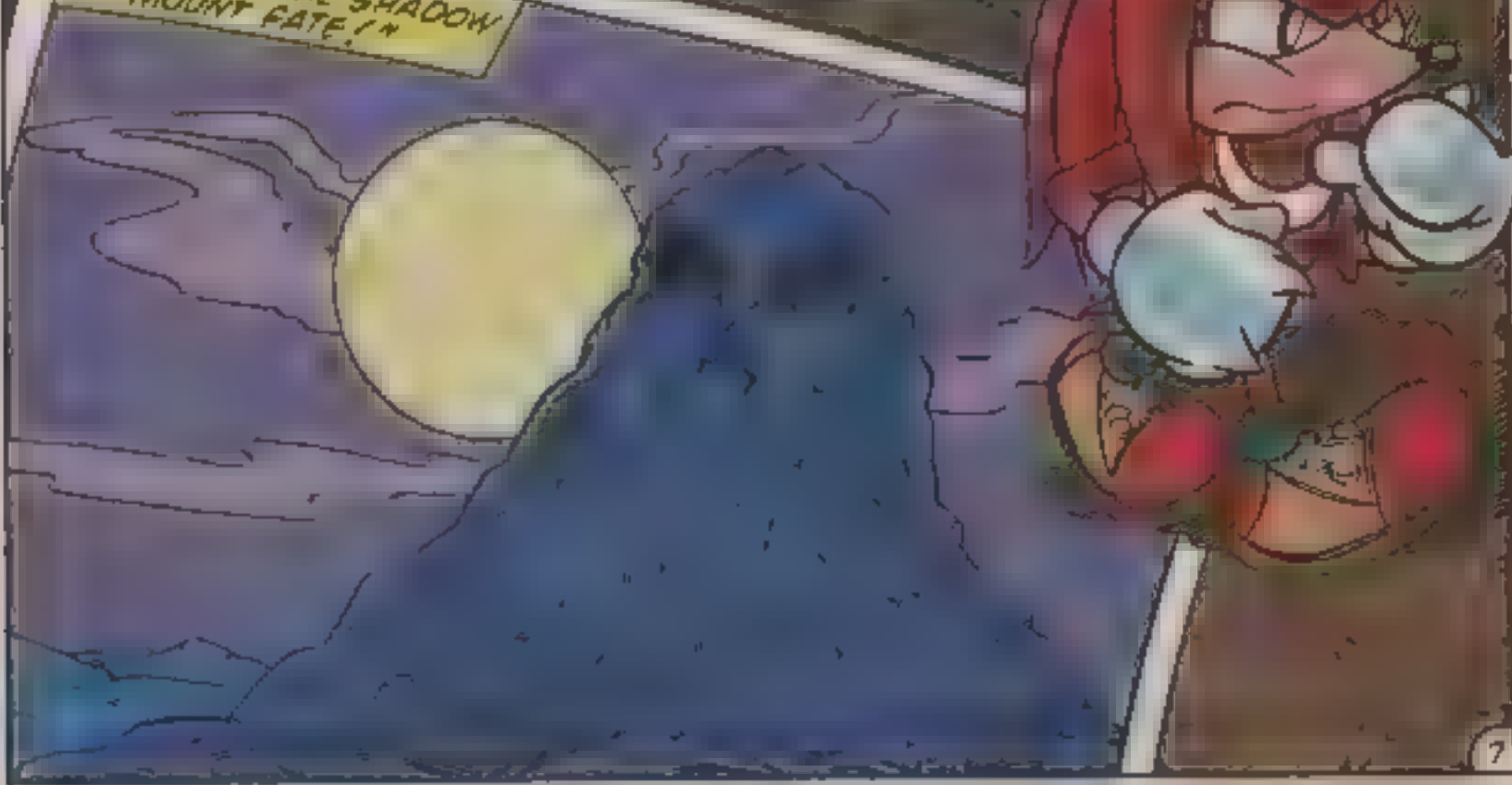


"AS PENANCE, MY PEOPLE RENOUNCED ALL TIES TO TECHNOLOGY  
\*REMEMBER? IN SONIC #36 Freddy

".. THOUGH THEY PRESERVED ARTIFACTS OF THEIR SCIENTIFIC  
HERITAGE IN A GRAND CONSERVATORY..



".. BENEATH THE SHADOW  
OF MOUNT FATE!"





**This Is Really  
Happening!**

At times like this  
I wish Hudge  
wasn't such  
a cautious driver.

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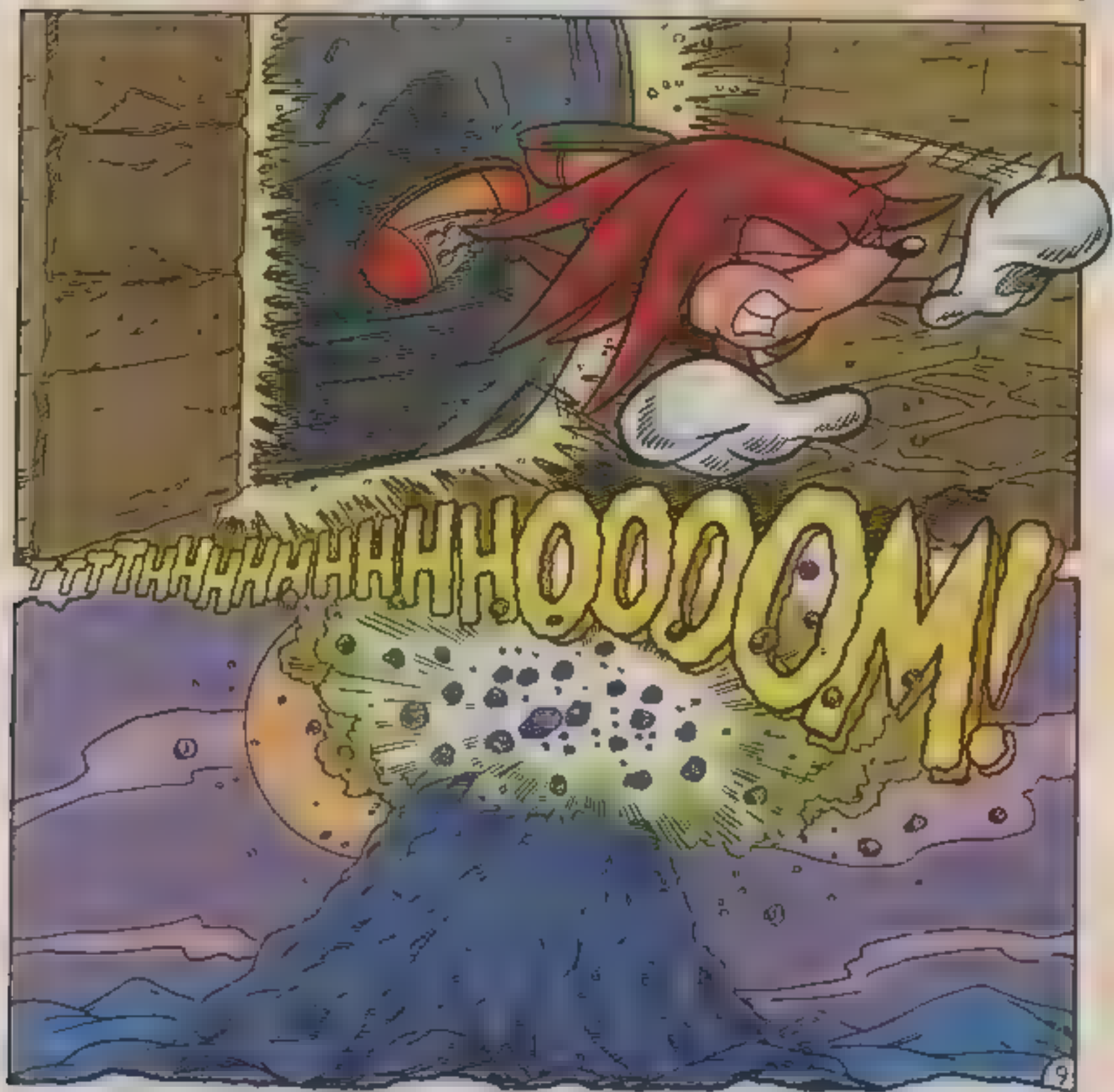
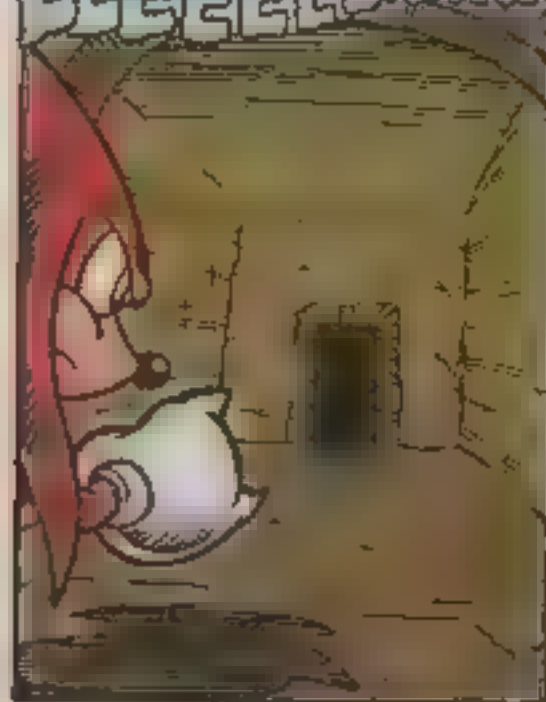
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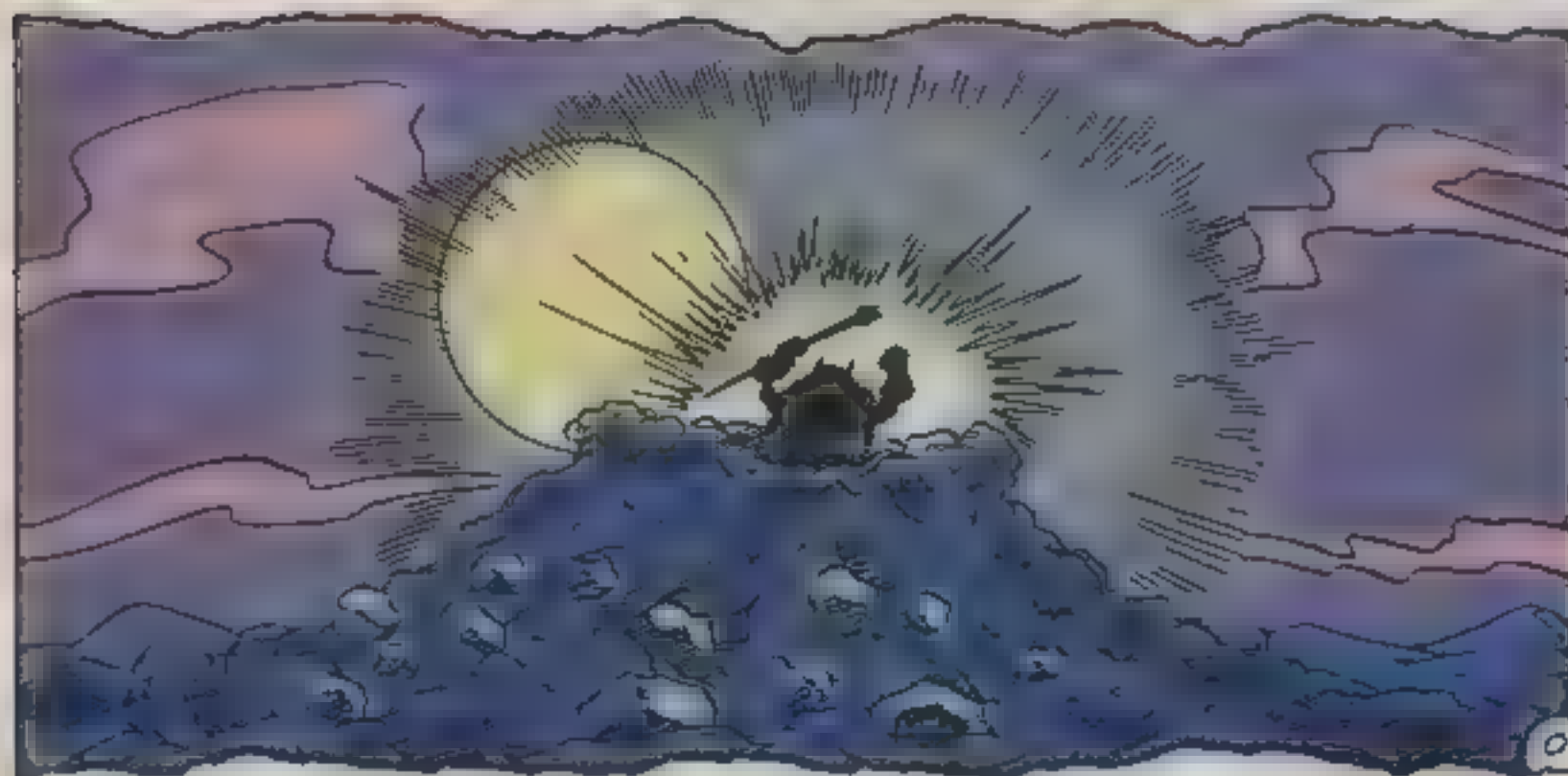
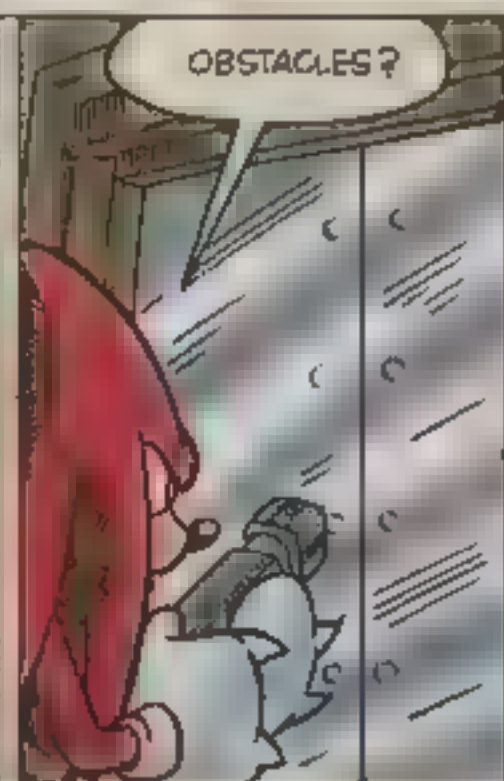
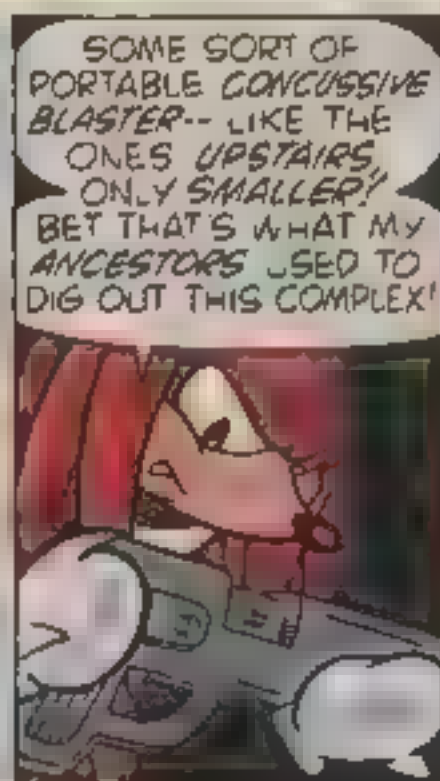
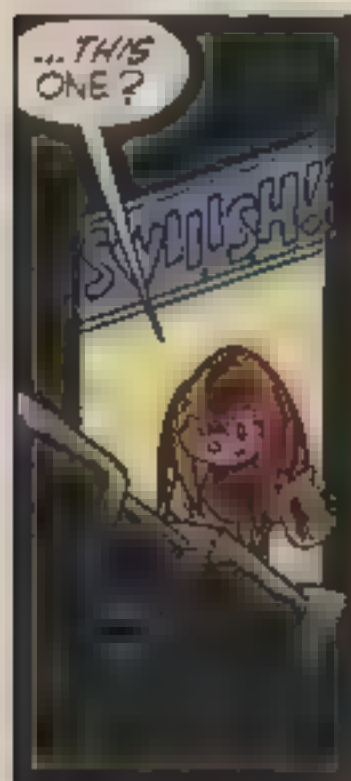
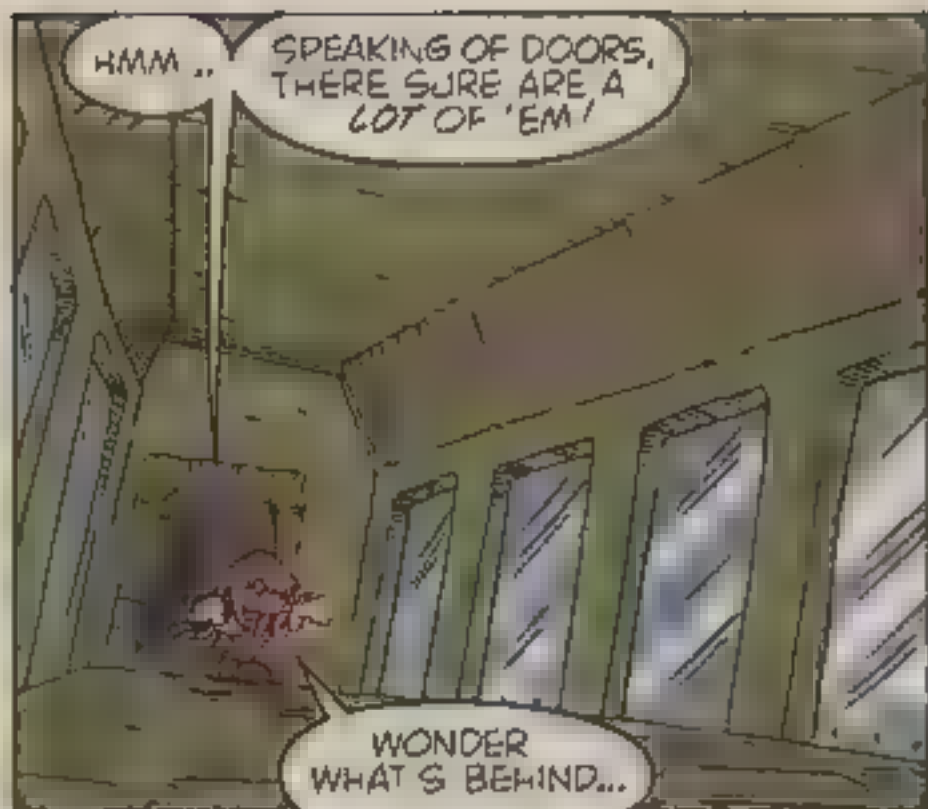
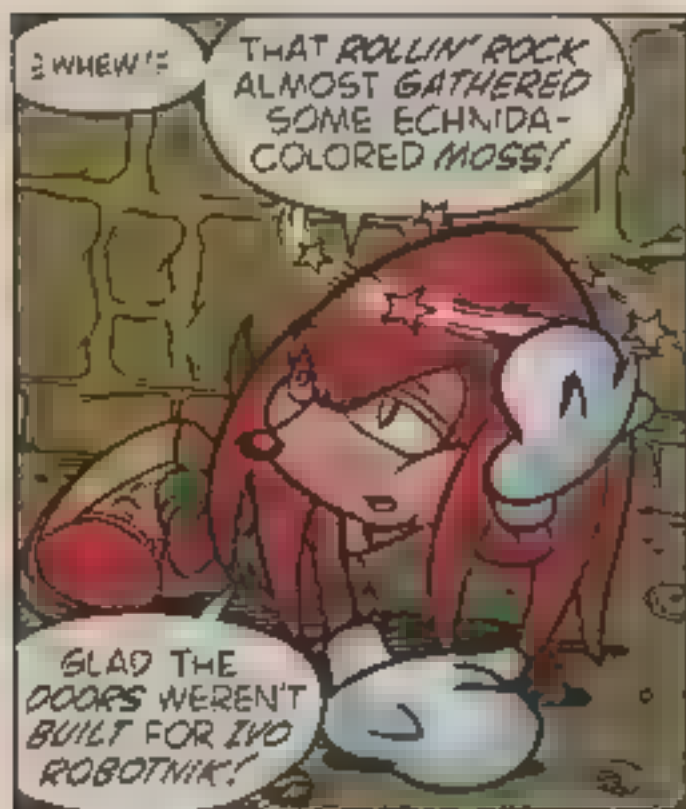




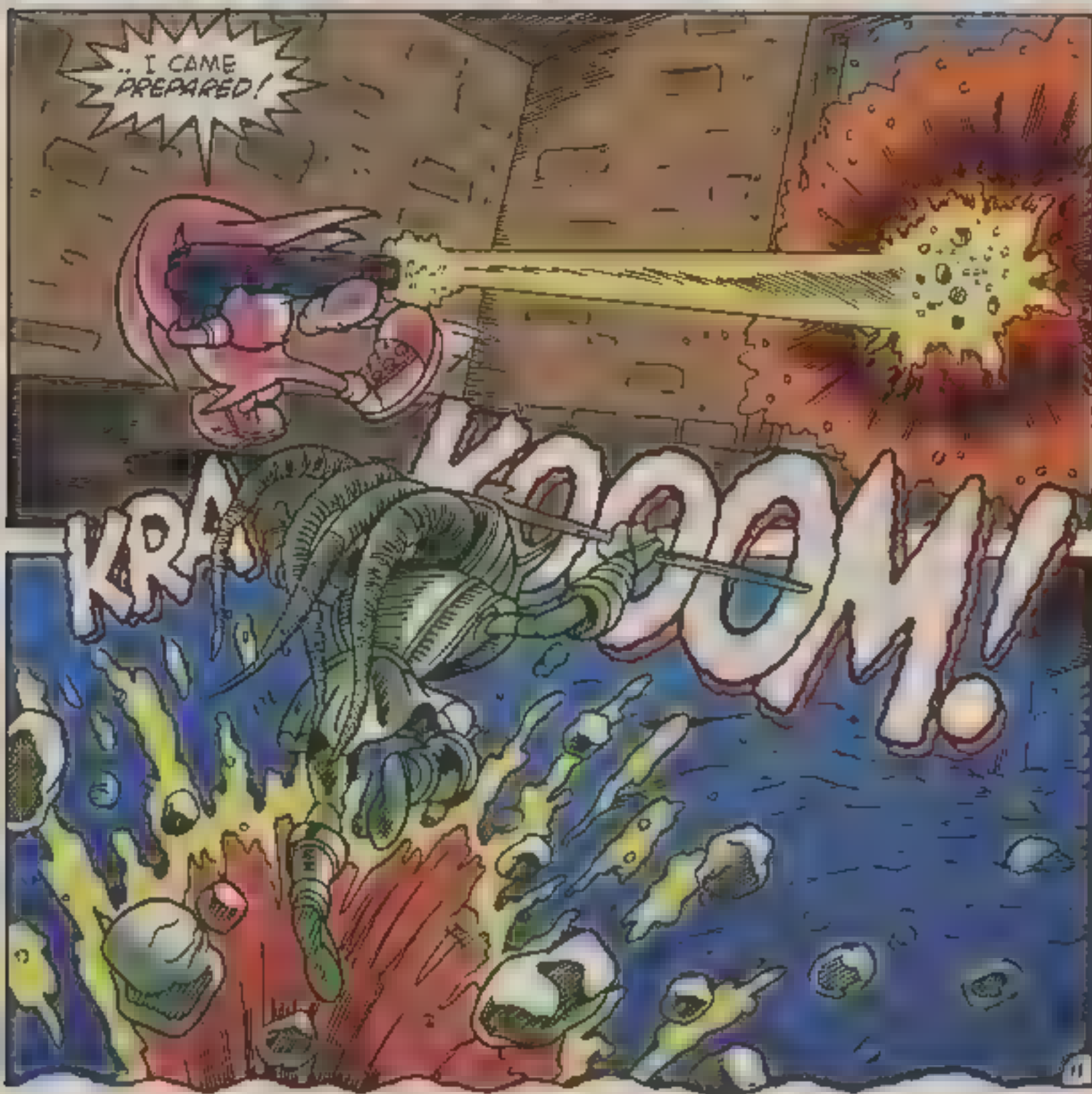
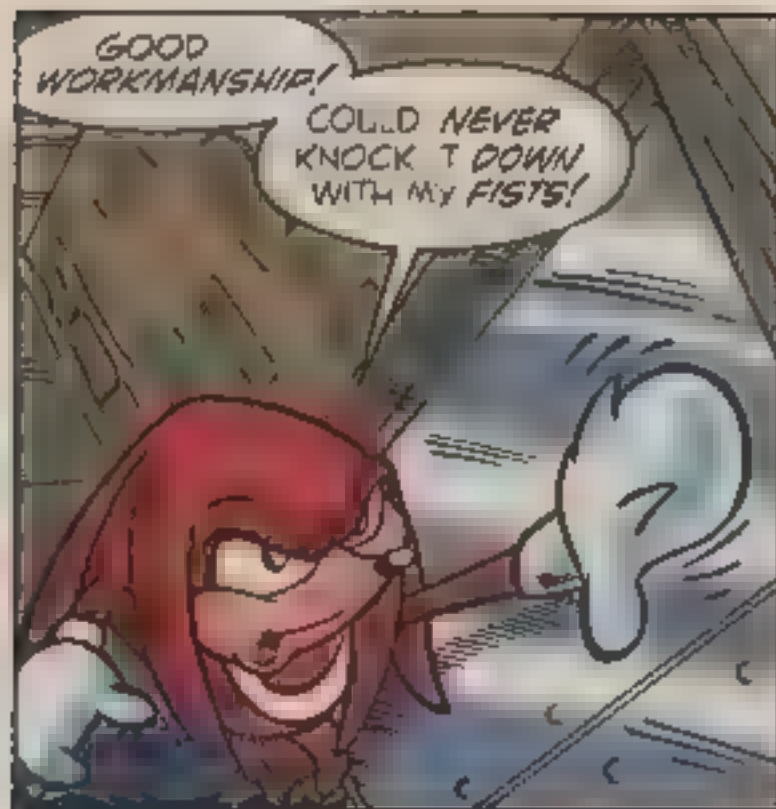
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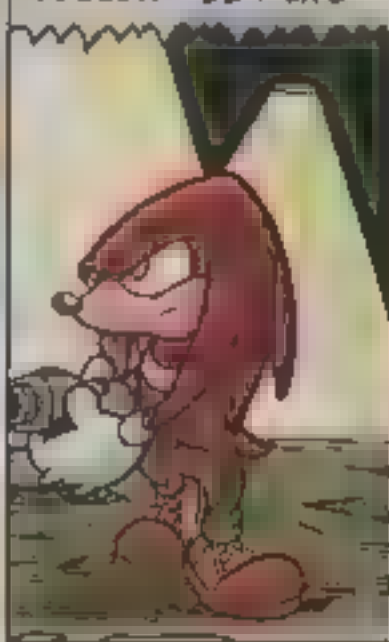




"WHICH IS MORE IMPORTANT? YOUR FRIENDS... OR THE THREAT TO THE FLOATING ISLAND?"



"HAD YOU FOUGHT TOGETHER, INSTEAD OF SEPARATELY, YOU WOULDN'T BE HERE!"



"STILL, INTELLIGENCE ASIDE, YOUR PERFORMANCE HAS BEEN. ADEQUATE."



"TURNING THE CONSERVATORY'S DEFENSES AGAINST THEMSELVES WAS ELEGANT IN IT'S SIMPLICITY."

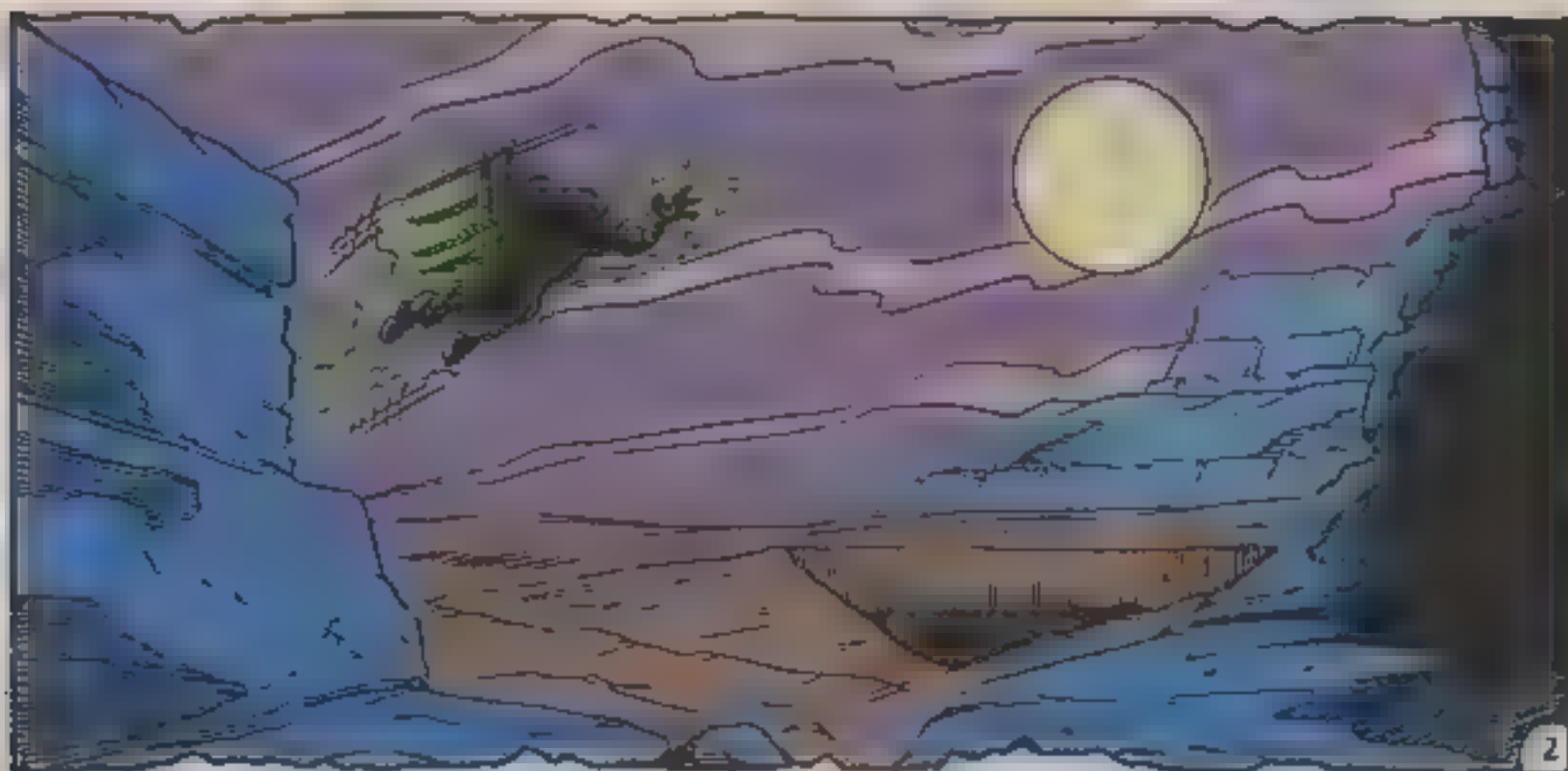
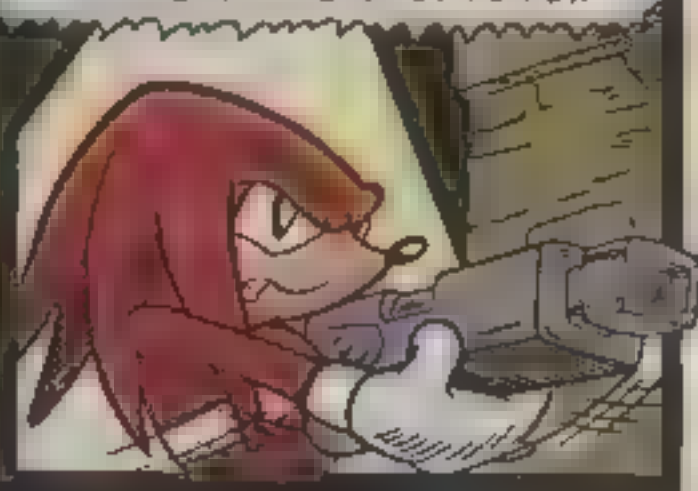


"... ALTHOUGH A TRIFLE MELODRAMATIC!"



"STILL, YOU CORRECTLY REASONED THAT THE KEY TO THE PRESENT LIES IN YOUR PAST."

"THAT THE PATH BEST-GUARDED HOLDS BOTH THE MOST PERIL..."





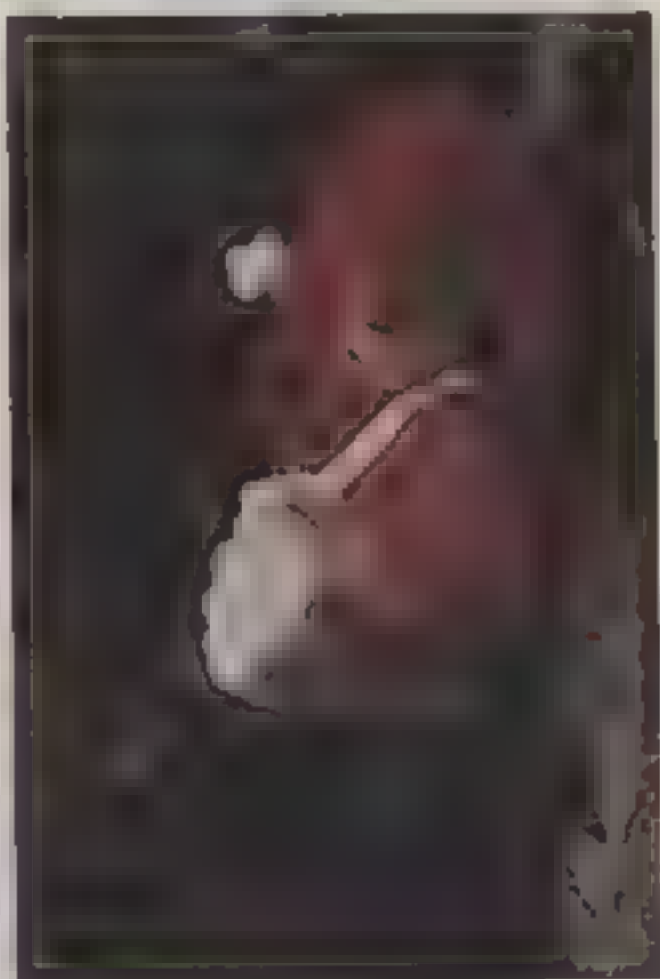
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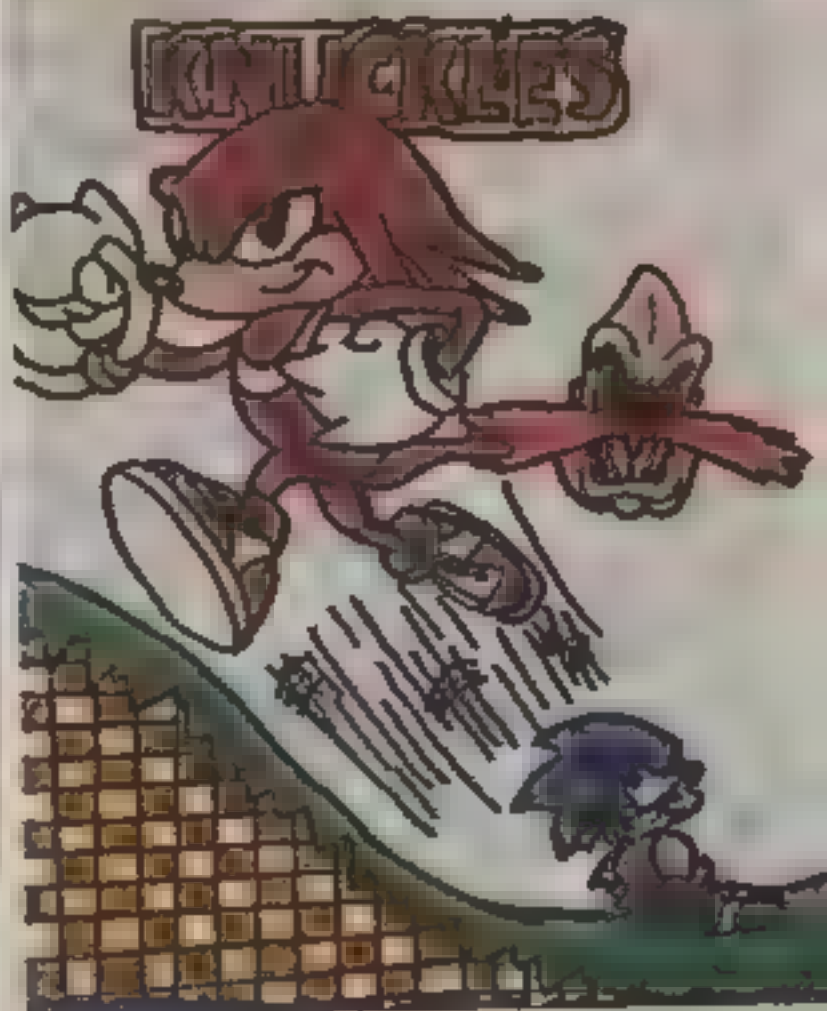


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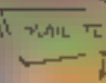
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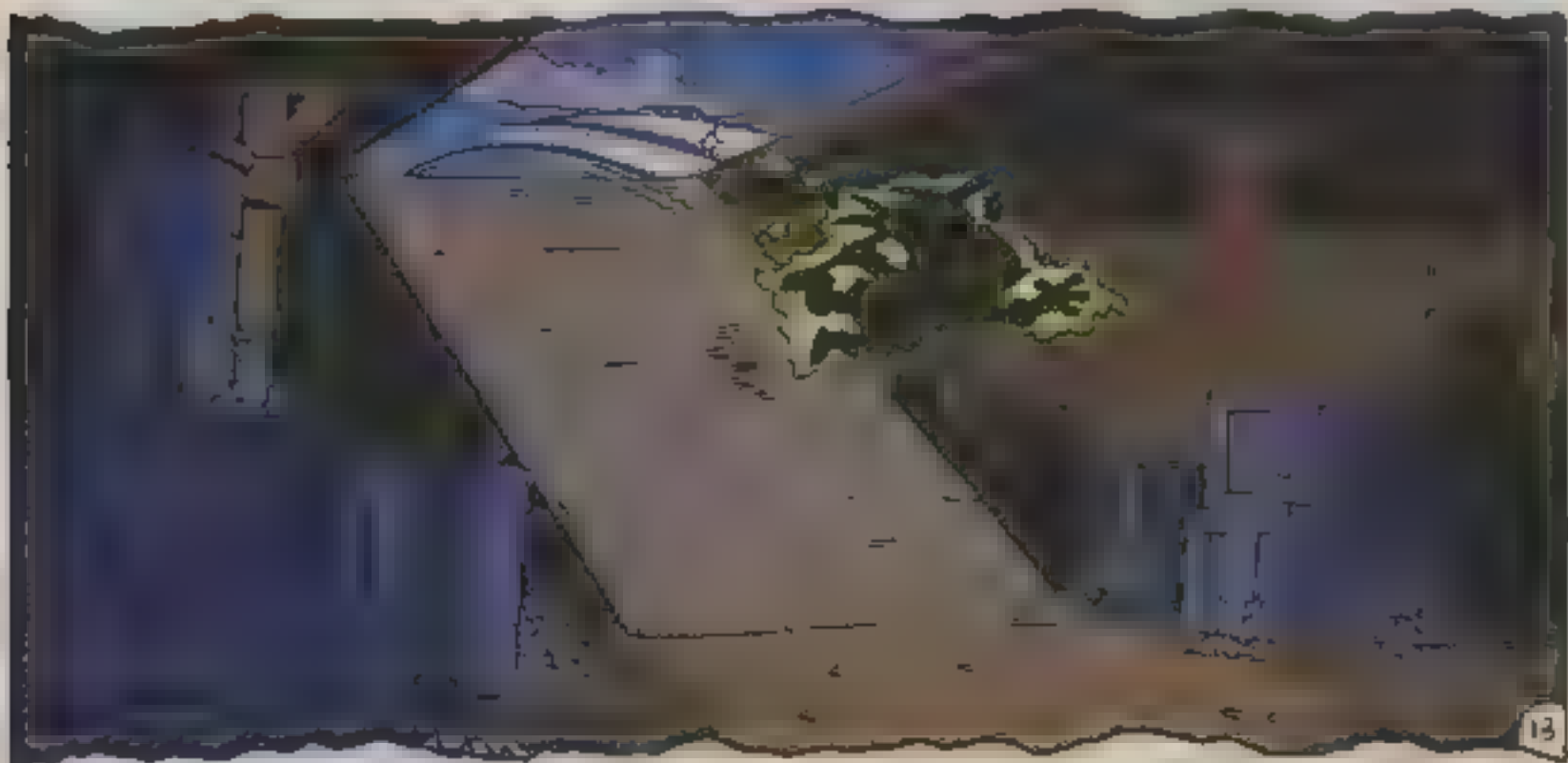
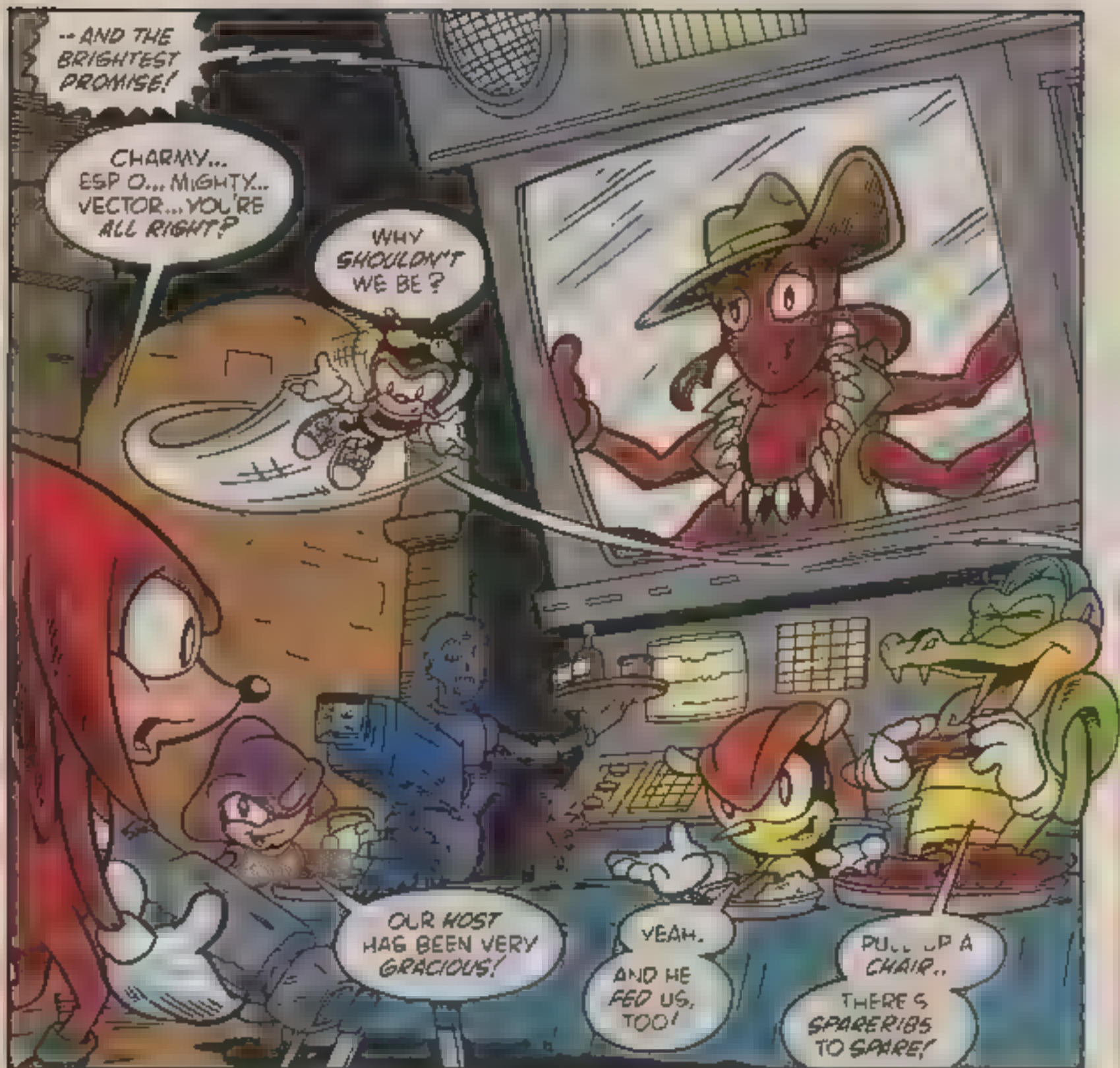
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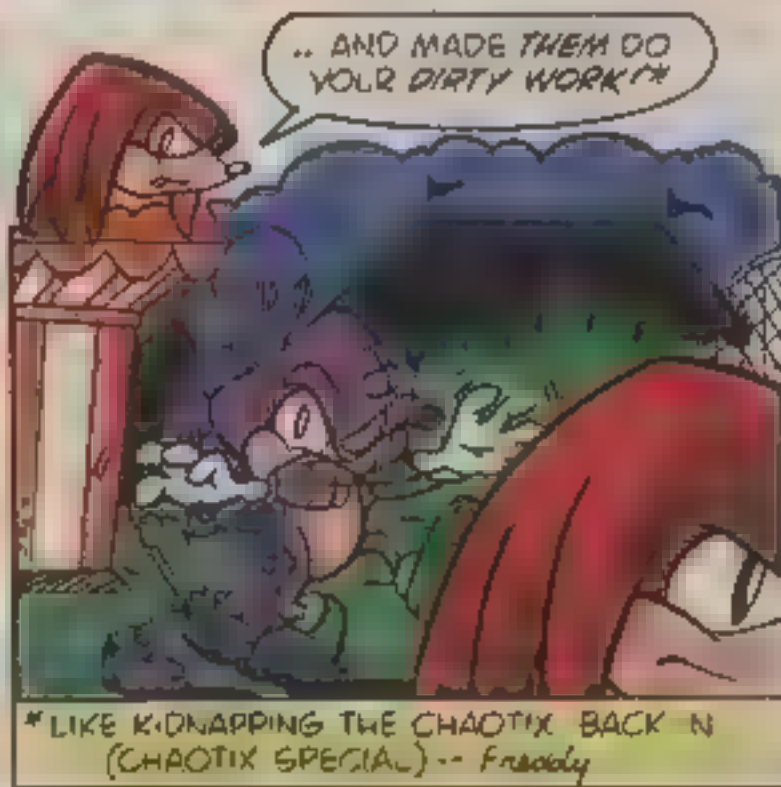
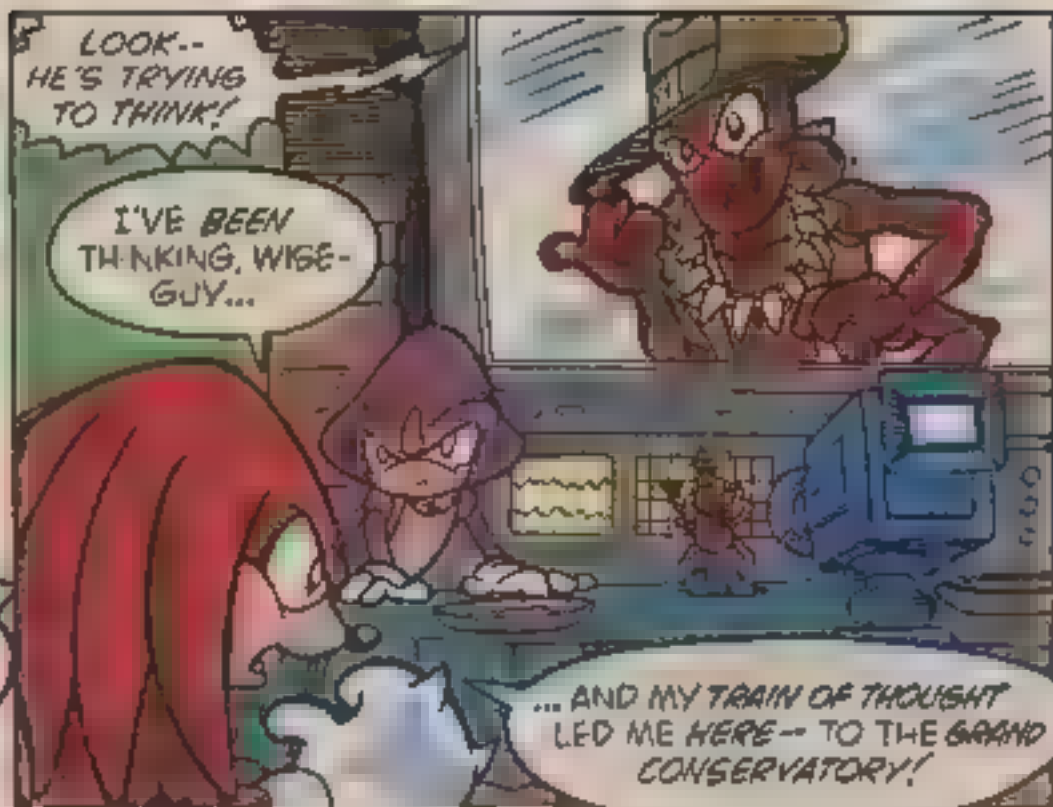
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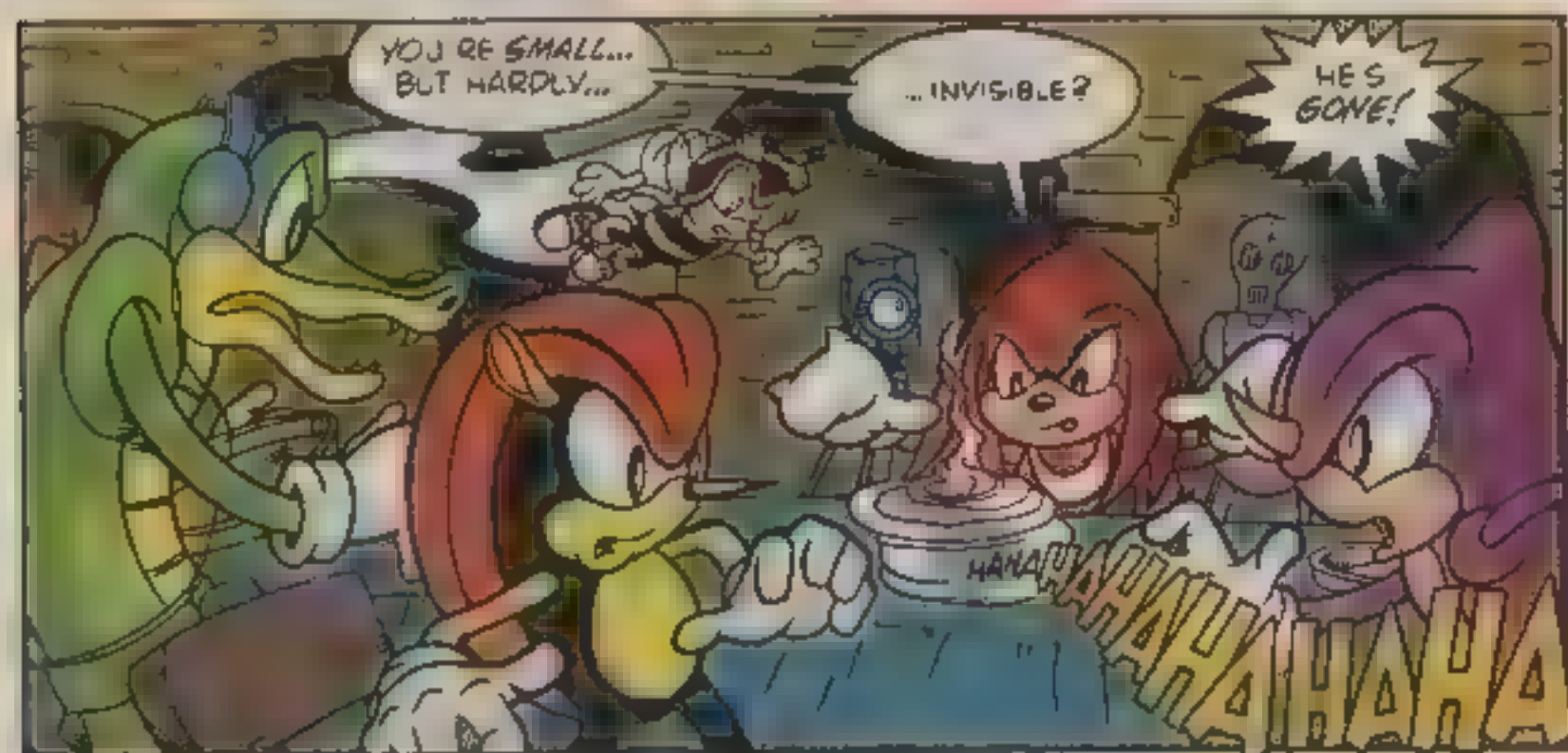
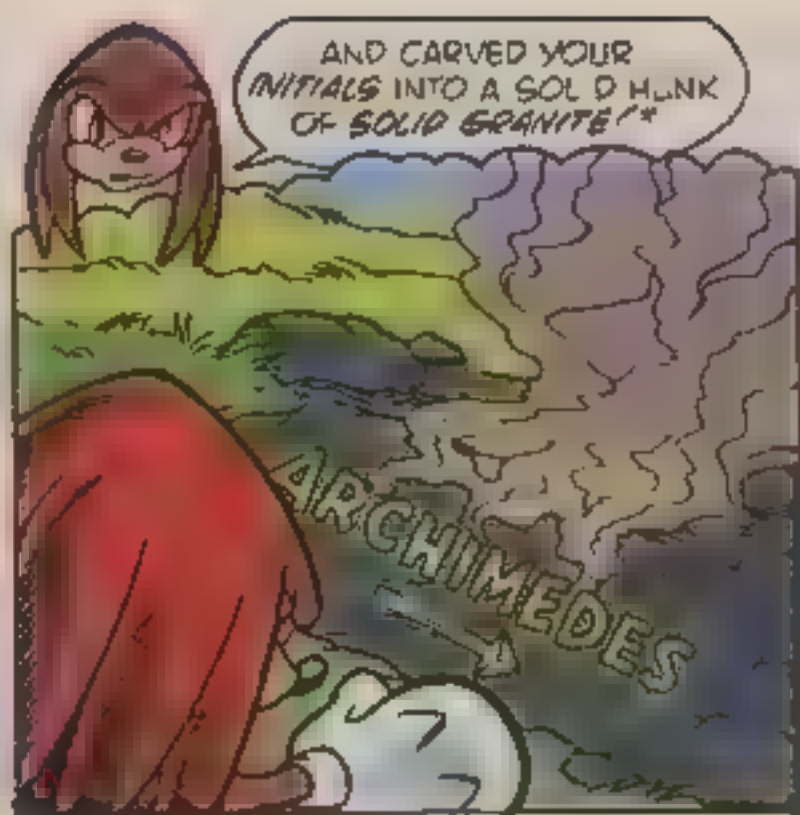
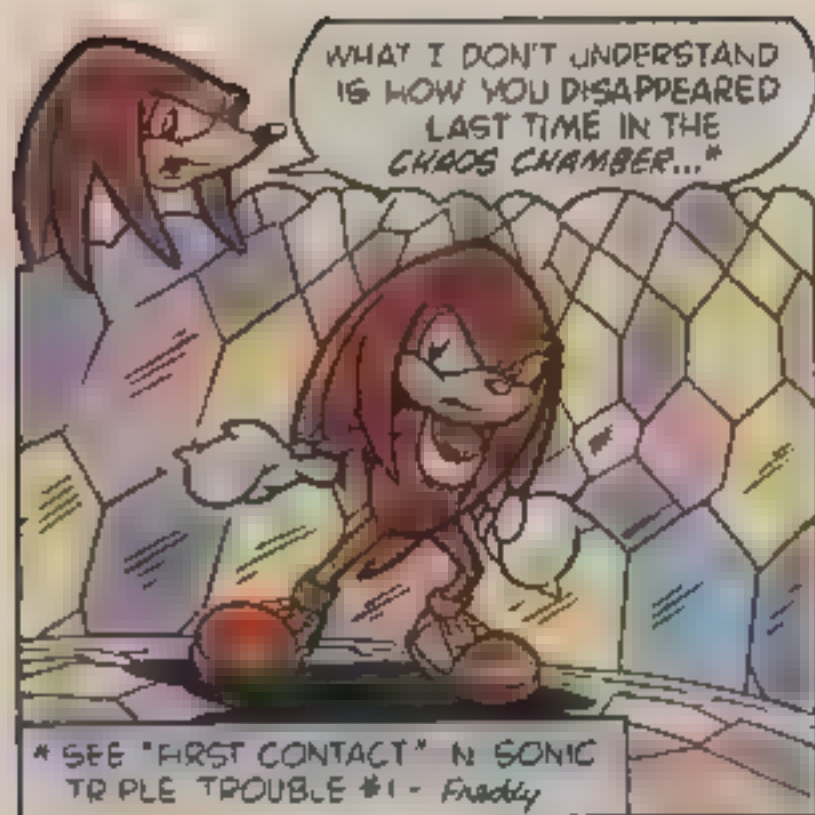




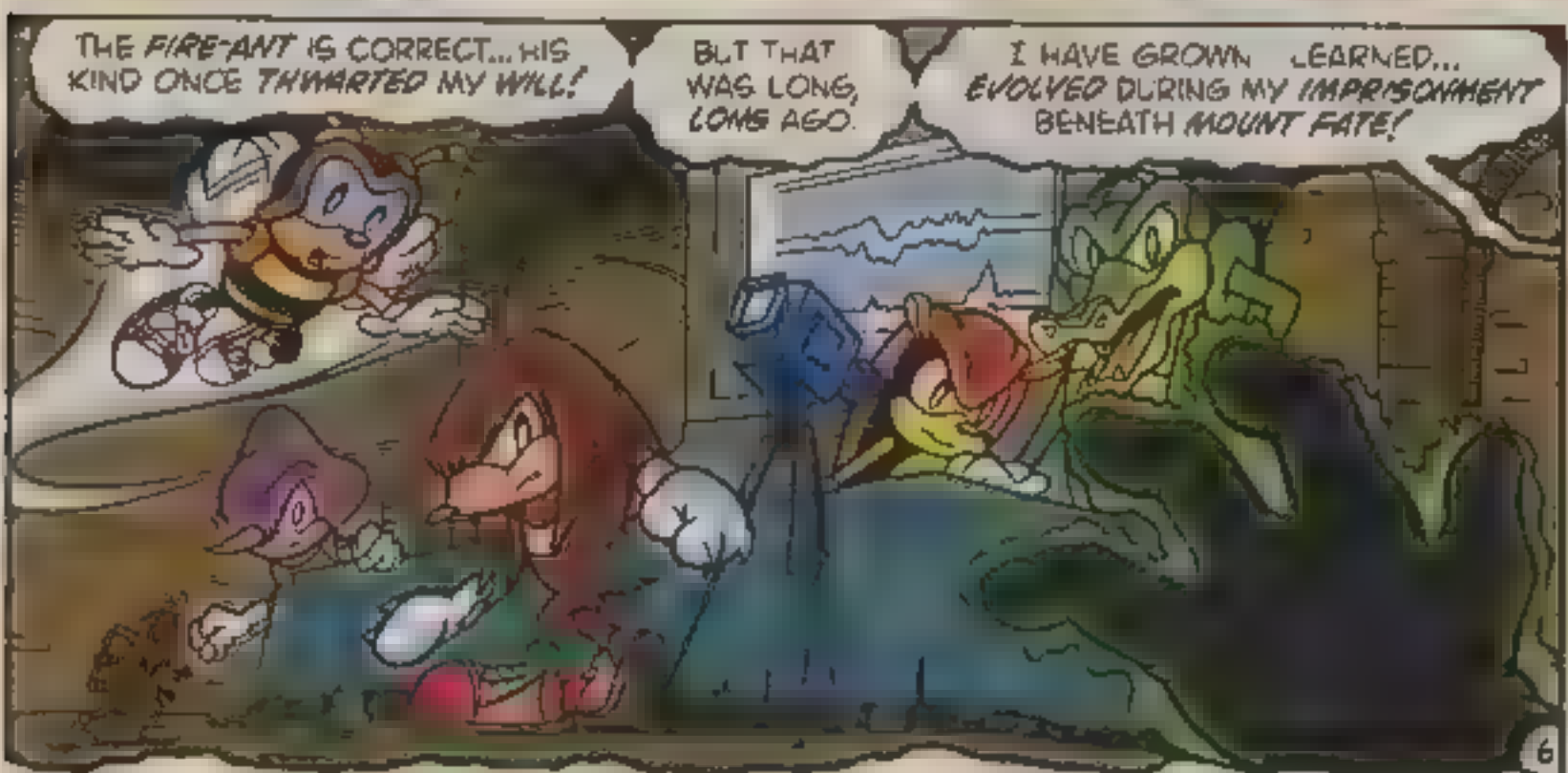
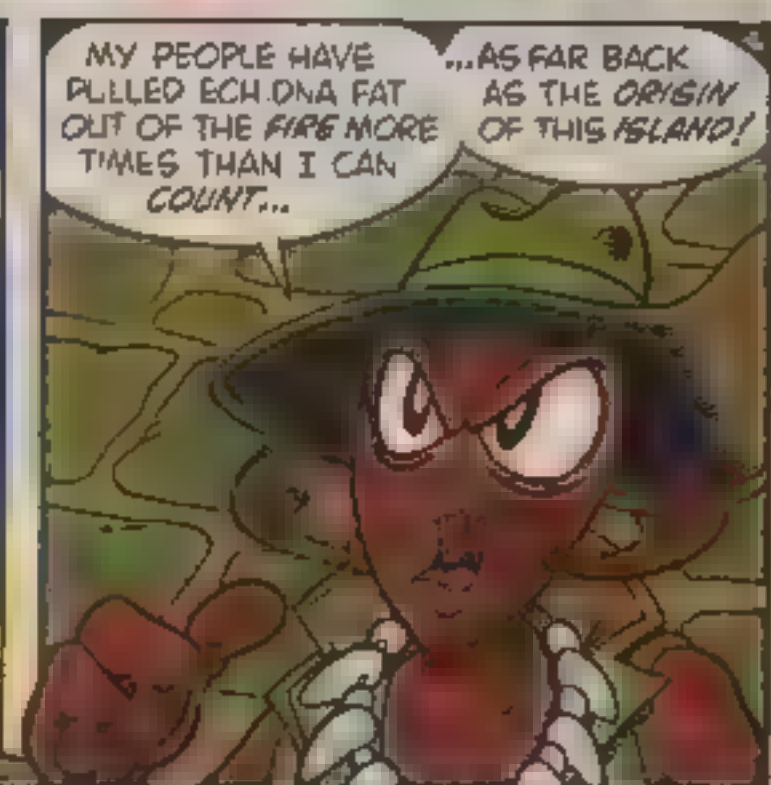
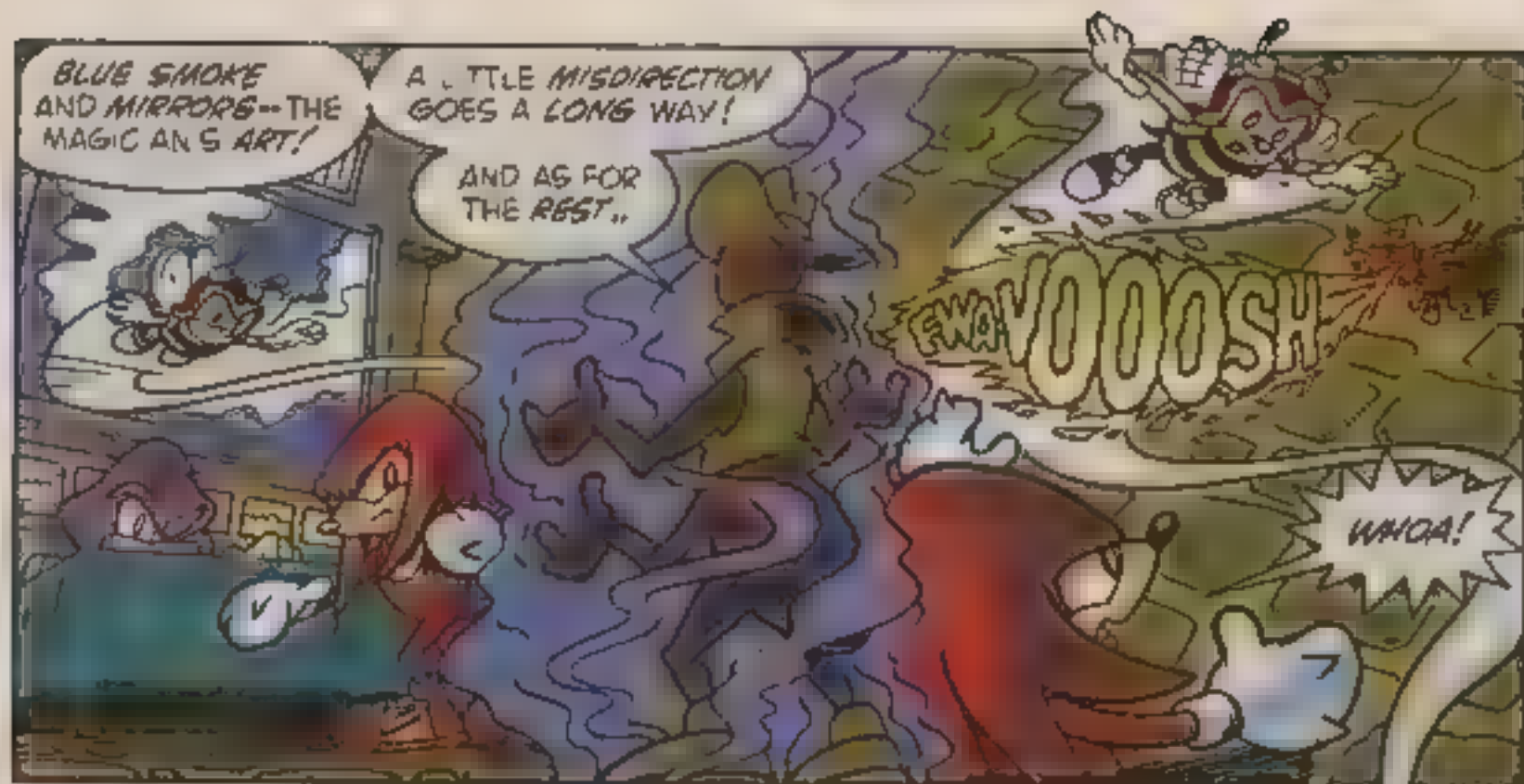














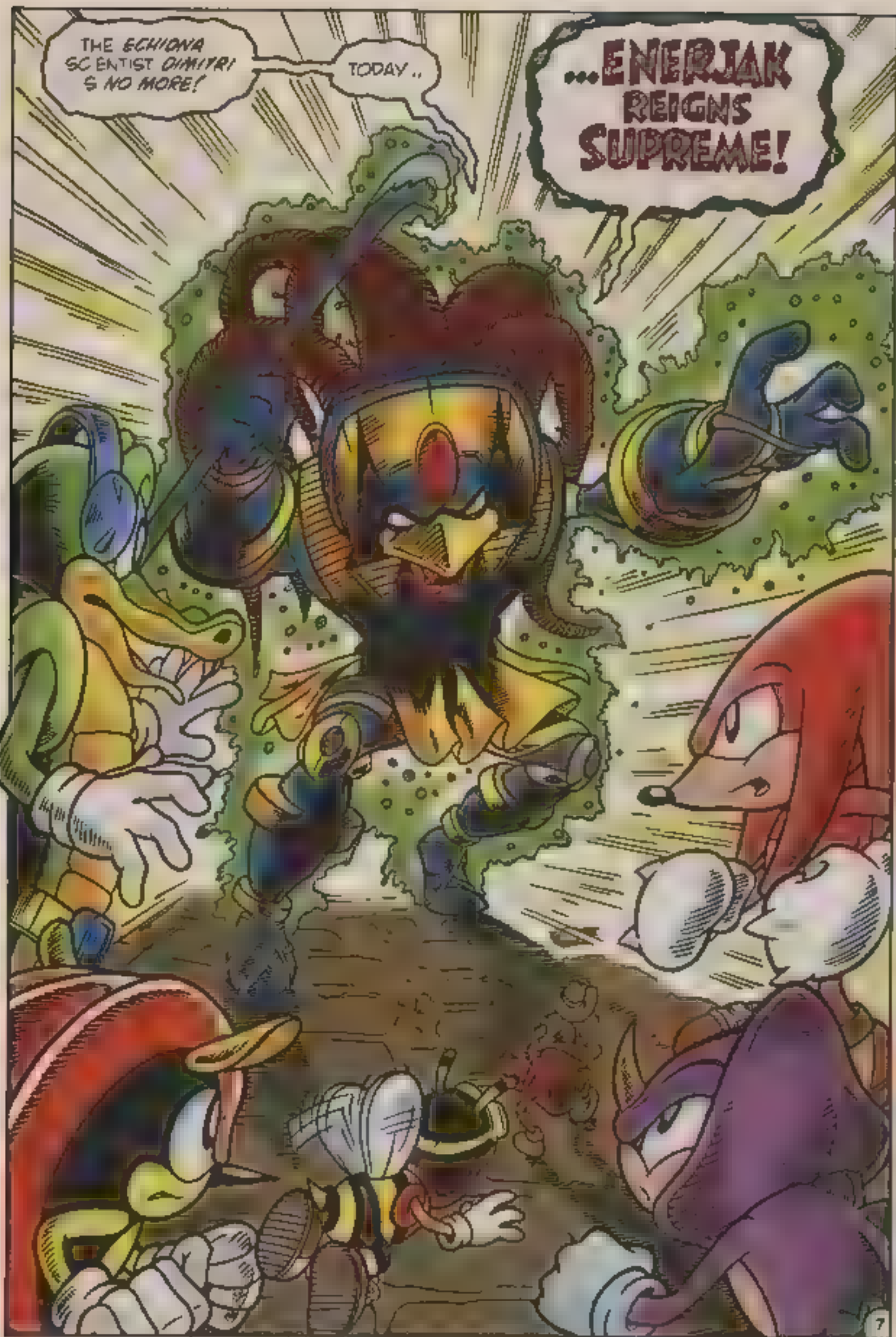




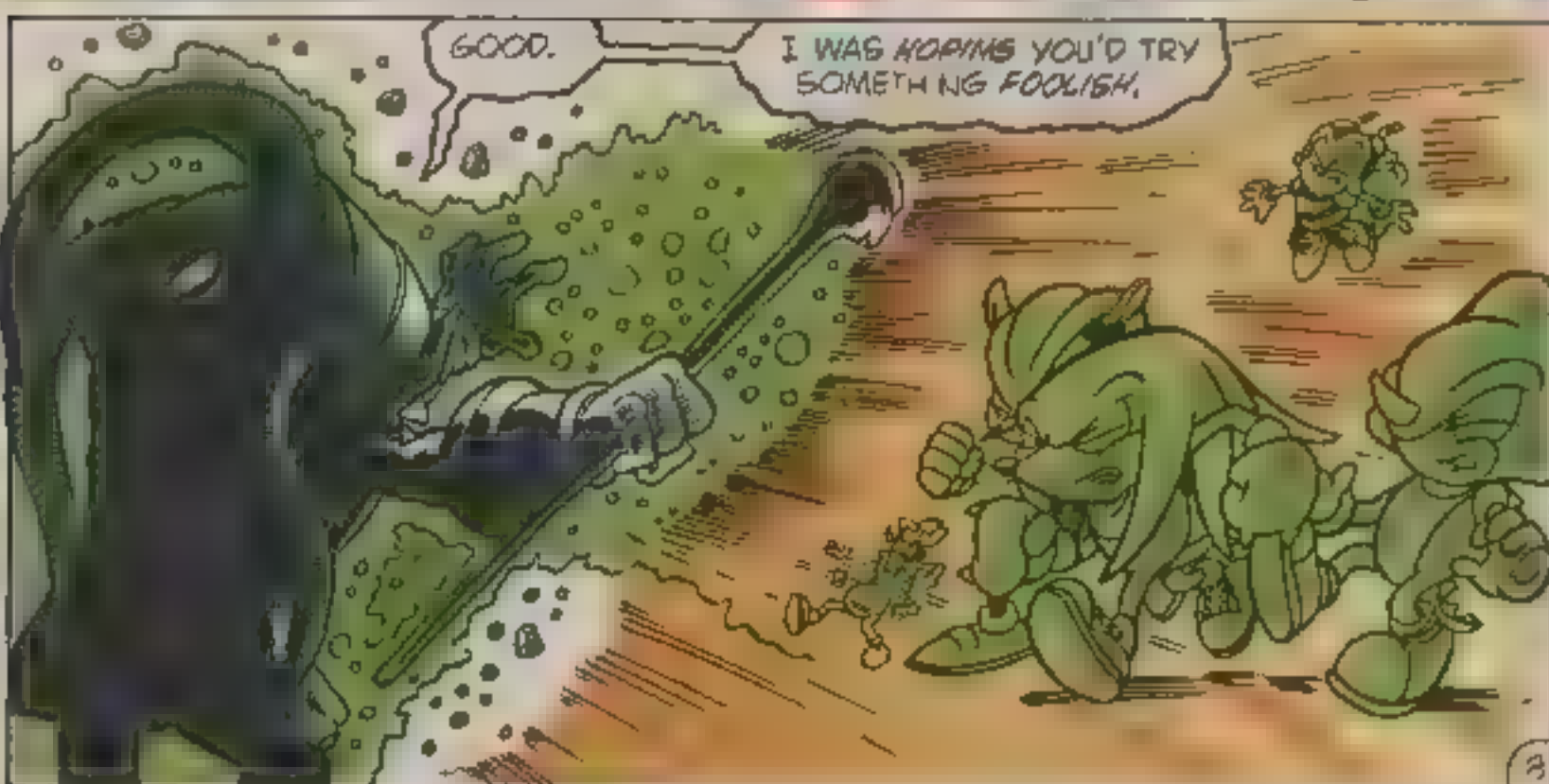
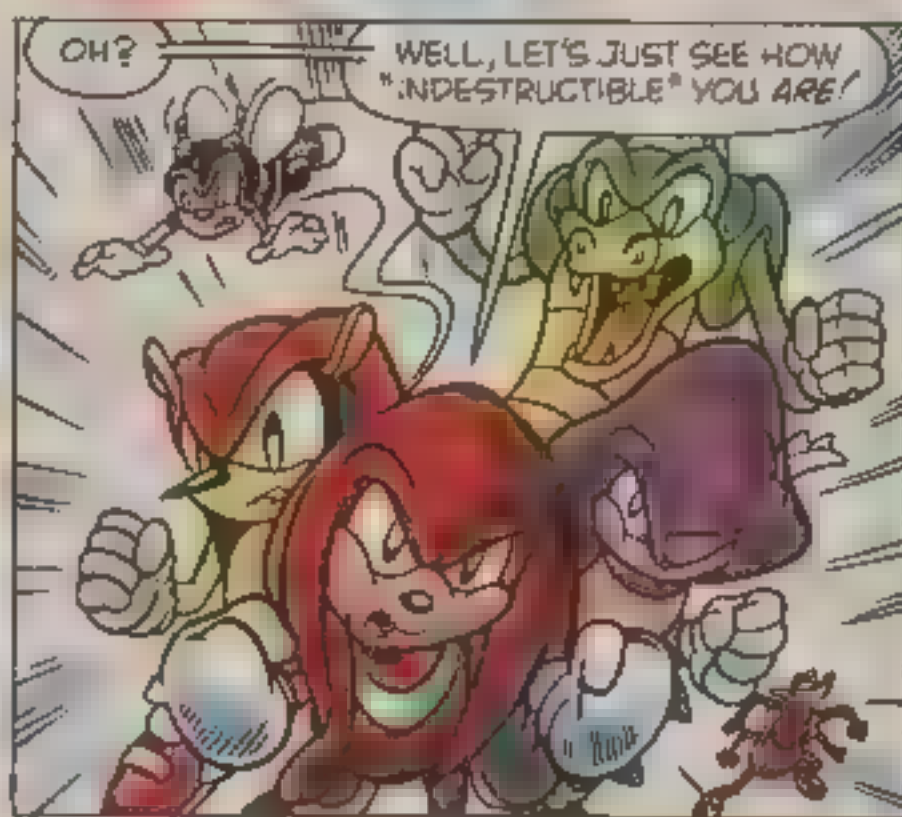
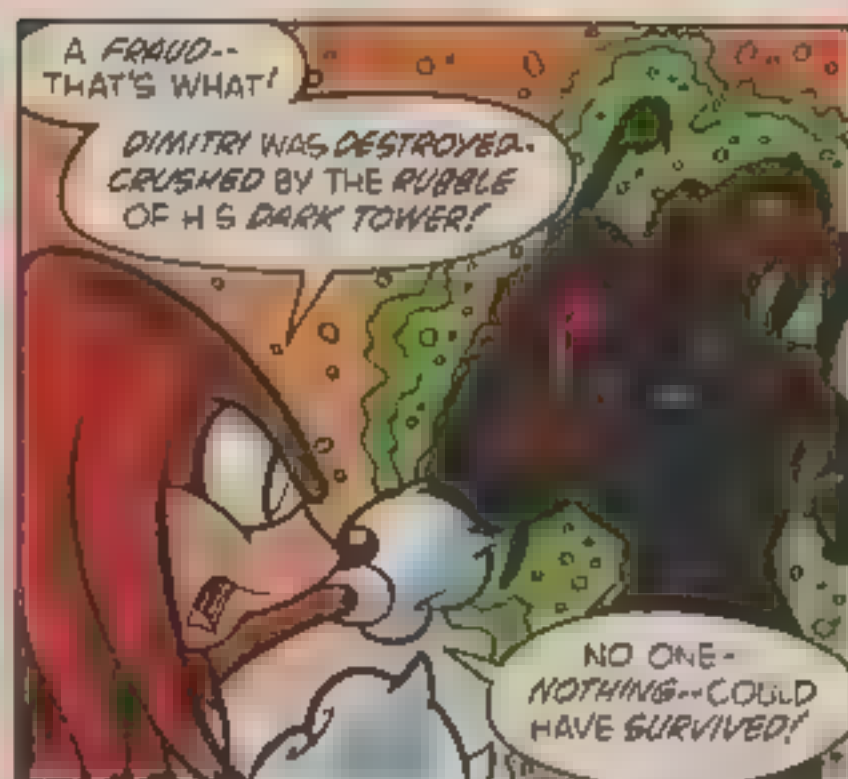
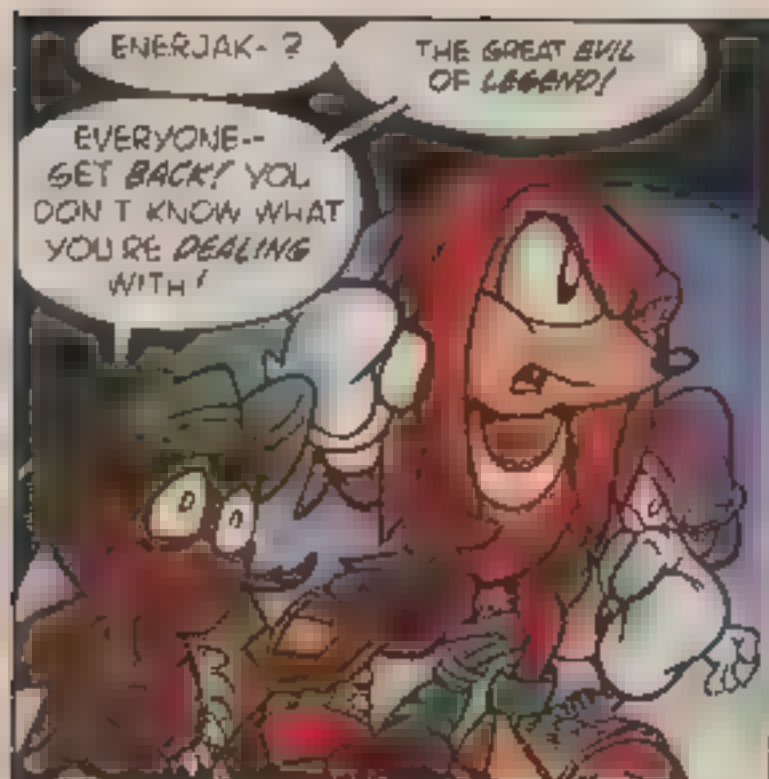
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SCIENTIST DIMITRI  
IS NO MORE!

TODAY ..

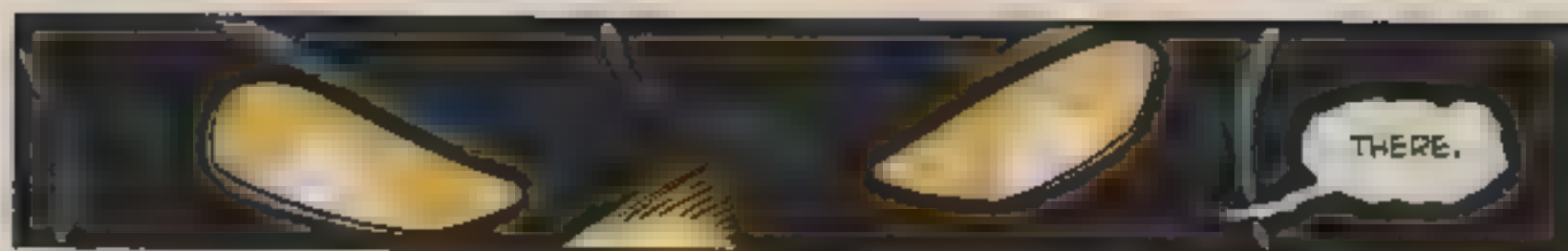
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SUPREME!



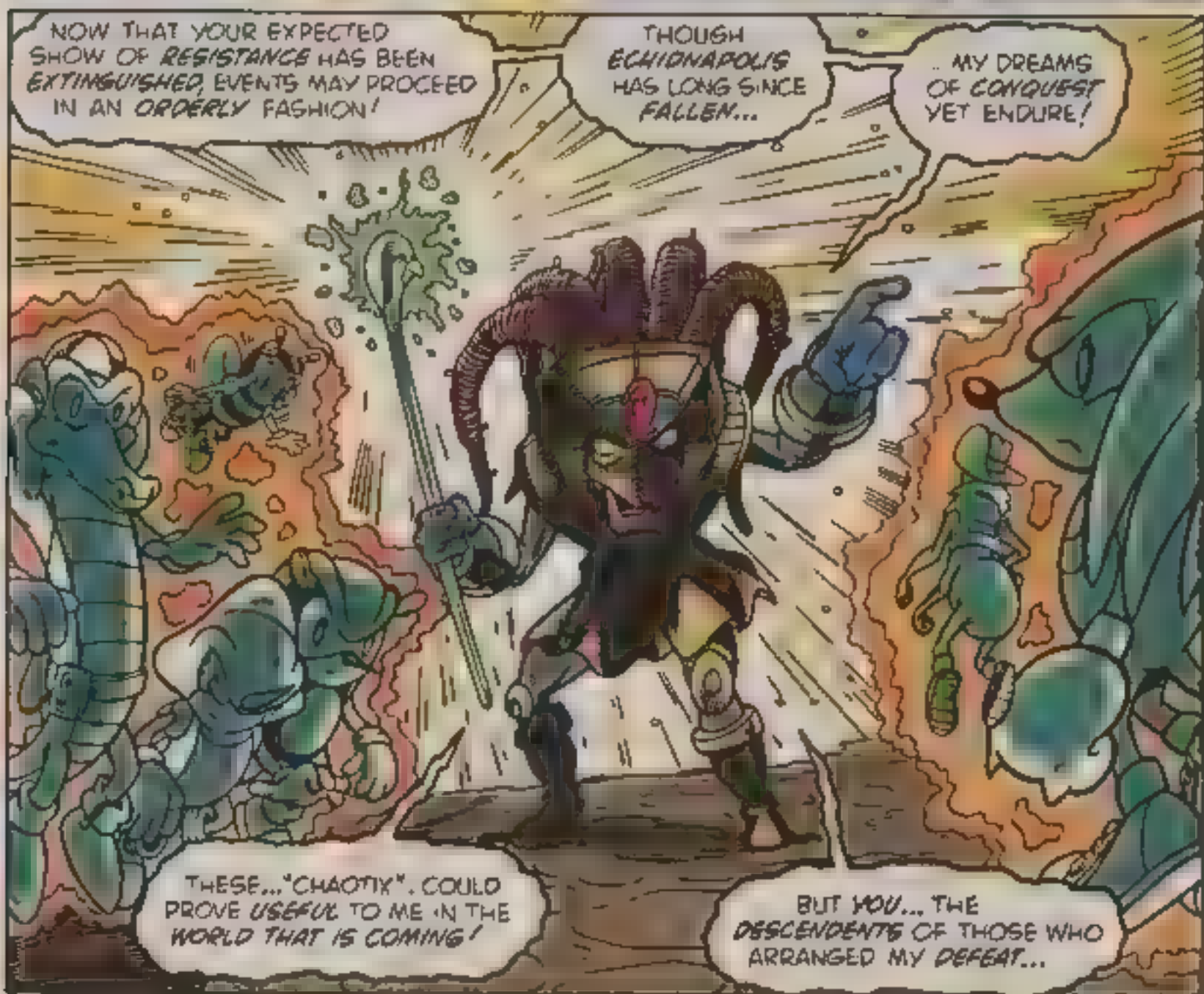








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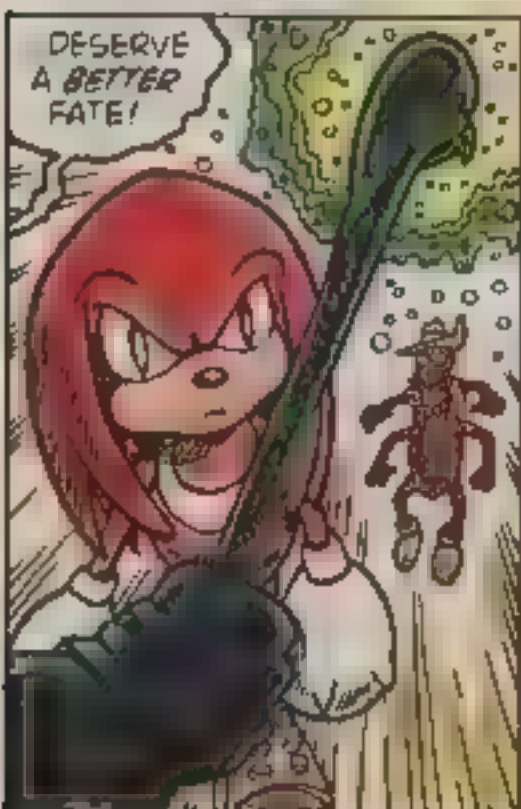
NOW THAT YOUR EXPECTED  
SHOW OF RESISTANCE HAS BEEN  
EXTINGUISHED, EVENTS MAY PROCEED  
IN AN ORDERLY FASHION!

THOUGH  
ECHIDNAPOLIS  
HAS LONG SINCE  
FALLEN...

... MY DREAMS  
OF CONQUEST  
YET ENDURE!

THESE... "CHAOTIX"... COULD  
PROVE USEFUL TO ME IN THE  
WORLD THAT IS COMING!

BUT YOU... THE  
DESCENDENTS OF THOSE WHO  
ARRANGED MY DEFEAT...



DESERVE  
A BETTER  
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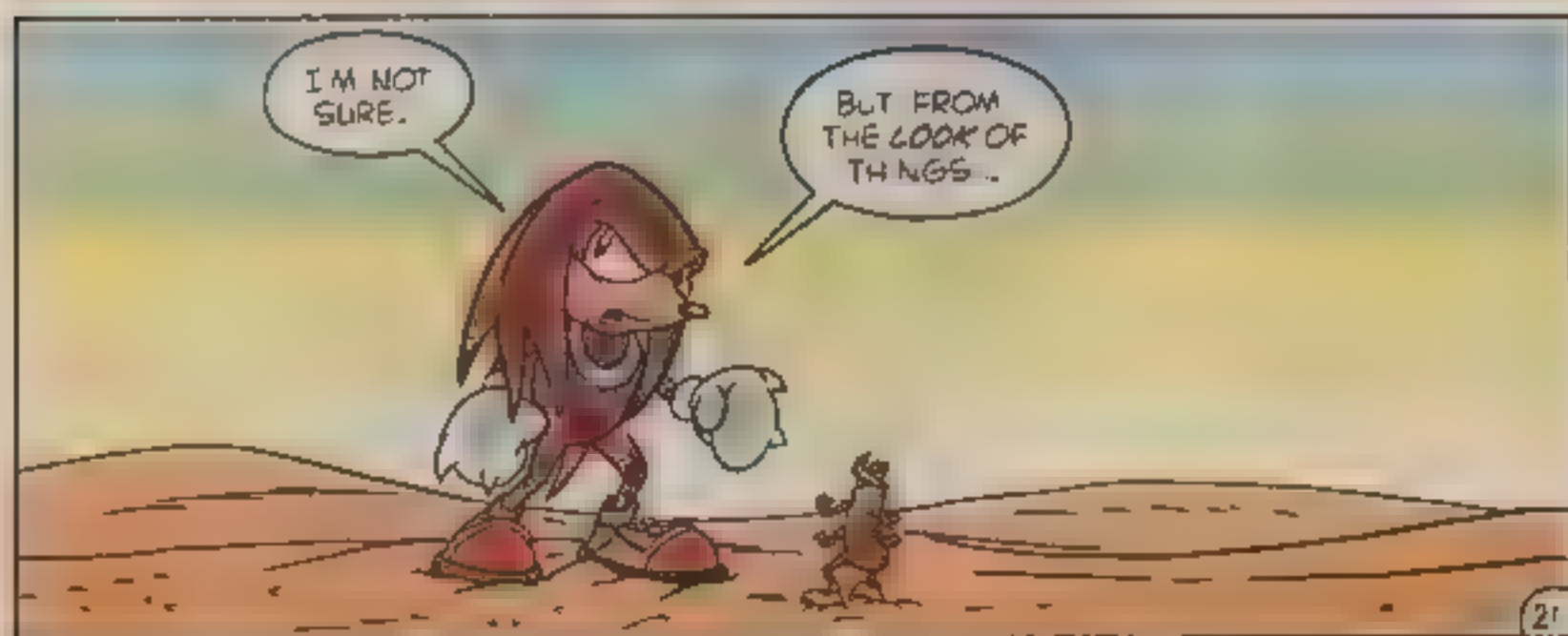
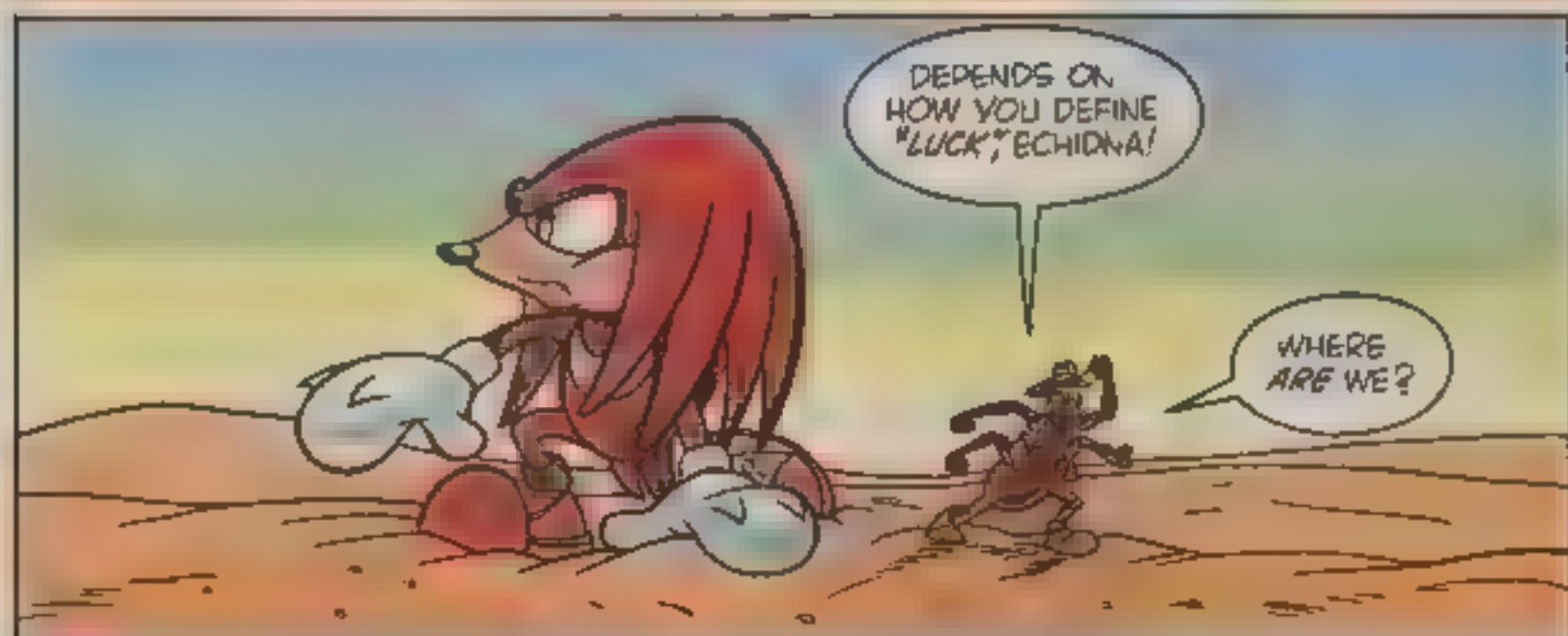
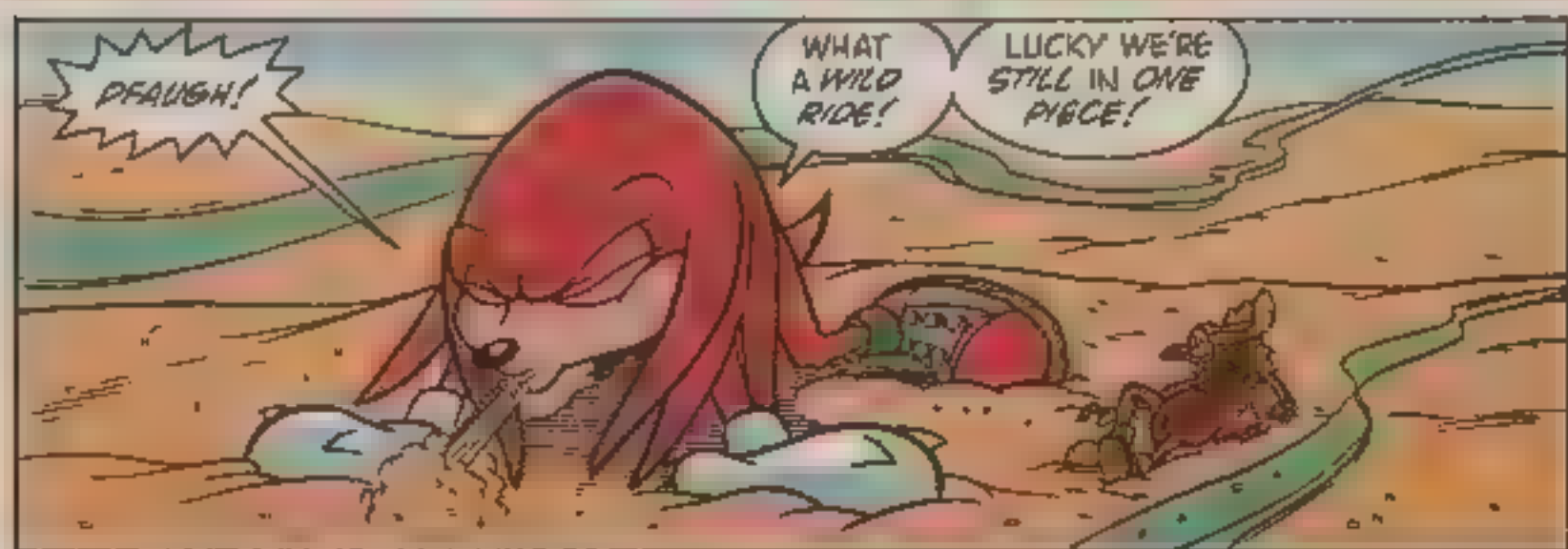
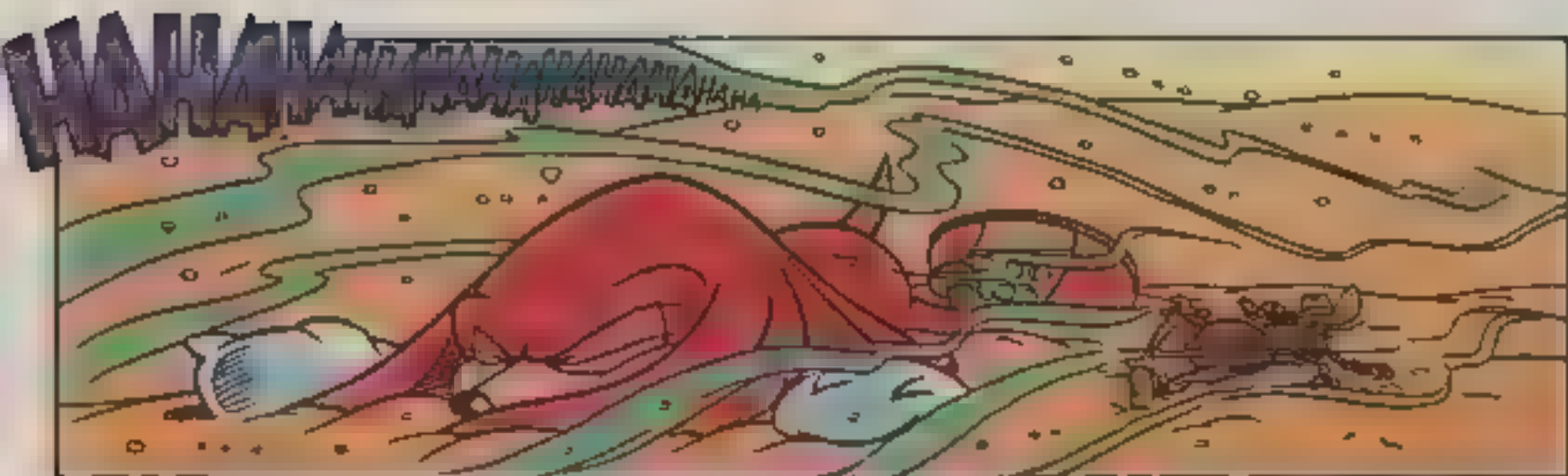


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HAHAHAHAHAHA







...IT'S GONNA  
BE A LONG  
WALK HOME.







TO BE CONTINUED!  
DON'T MISS KR. ICKLES #2  
ON SALE JUNE 95!



# MAP OF THE

## Floating Island



**Note:** Unmarked territories are zones yet to be explored in either future adventures or Sega Game cartridges

Flying Battery Zone, Death Egg Zone and Doomday Zone do not appear they occur off island

- 1 Swampy Swamp (Vector's Home)
- 2 Strawberry Fields (Charmy's Hive)
- 3 Rainbow Valley (Espio's Home)
- 4 Rocky Hill (Mighty's Home)
- 5 Apple Nook
- 6 Kenfield T. Rodent's Rathole
- 7 Knuckles' Lair
- 8 Fire Ant Hill (Archimedes' Domicile)



# KNUCKLES

# SANDWICH

## Welcome

TO THE FIRST ISSUE STARRING SONIC'S FRIENDLY NEMESIS, KNUCKLES, IN HIS VERY OWN SERIES! FOR THE NEXT FEW MONTHS YOU WILL ENJOY ACTION AND INTRIGUE WITH A LITTLE DOSE OF FUN... KNUCKLES-STYLE! AS YOU CAN PLAINLY SEE, THINGS HAVE TURNED FROM BAD TO WORSE FOR OUR FAVORITE ECHIDNA. THAT'S OK, THOUGH. KNUCKLES IS NOT A QUITTER SO DON'T COUNT HIM OUT JUST YET!

THIS ISSUE, YOU (FINALLY) WITNESSED THE DEBUT OF ARCHIMEDES THE FIRE-ANT AND THE ANCIENT EVIL OF ENERJAK. NEXT ISSUE, FIND OUT: 1) WHAT KNUCKLES AND ARCHIMEDES DO IN THE MIDDLE OF THE DESERT; 2) HOW ENERJAK GOES ABOUT HIS PLANS OF WORLD DOMINATION; 3) AND WHAT HAPPENED TO THE REST OF THE CHAOTIX KNUCKLES' "RITE OF PASSAGE" CONTINUES NEXT MONTH SO CHECK IT OUT! C.U. IN 30!

P.S.: REMEMBER — SONIC #37 FEATURES "THE FALL OF ROBOTROPOLIS" AS WELL AS A BUNNIE RABBIT SOLO STORY! THAT'S RIGHT, EVERYONE'S SOUTHERN BELLE IN A STORY CALLED "BUNNIE'S WORST NIGHTMARE!" IN SONIC #38, WITNESS THE UNIMAGINABLE HAPPEN AS SONIC LOSES HIS SUPER SPEED! DON'T MISS THE FUN!

P.P.S.: MECHA MADNESS IS COMING!

DEAR KNUCKLES,

YOU ARE THE COOLEST. I DON'T THINK, I KNOW! I JUST STARTED TO COLLECT SONIC COMICS AND THEN I SAW YOU. NOW I'M GOING TO COLLECT ALL THE COMICS THAT INCLUDE YOU IN IT. BY THE WAY, I THINK YOU SHOULD TEAM UP WITH VECTOR, ESPIO, CHARMY, MIGHTY, HEAVY AND BOMB TO FORM CHAOTIX! ALSO, TELL ESPIO I THINK HE'S COOL, BUT NOT AS COOL AS YOU. I HAVE SOME Q'S (MEANING QUESTIONS). 1) DO YOU HAVE A BROTHER? 2) DO YOU SPEAK ANY OTHER LANGUAGES? 3) HOW OLD ARE YOU? WELL UNTIL NEXT TIME, STAY COOL!

JOSE C. CORIA (AGE 11)  
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Thanks for your praise, Jose. Everything I do I do for the inhabitants of the Floating Island and the memory of my father. As far as the Chaotix are concerned, I'm still a loner not a team player. Now on to your Q's: 1) No I don't.; 2) No I don't.; 3) I'm fifteen.

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JONATHAN WAUGH

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Well, Jonathan, I have a few answers for you.

1) I hope not. Imagine... a doll that looks like me — brrr! 2) Who? — Just kidding. I'd say we're acquaintances for now. Of course, that could change.; 3) There are now two on the island and as far as I know... they're the only ones on the planet. There are more in other zones, the question is which zone? 4) The spikes are mine and I'm proud to have them. Catch you on the flip side!

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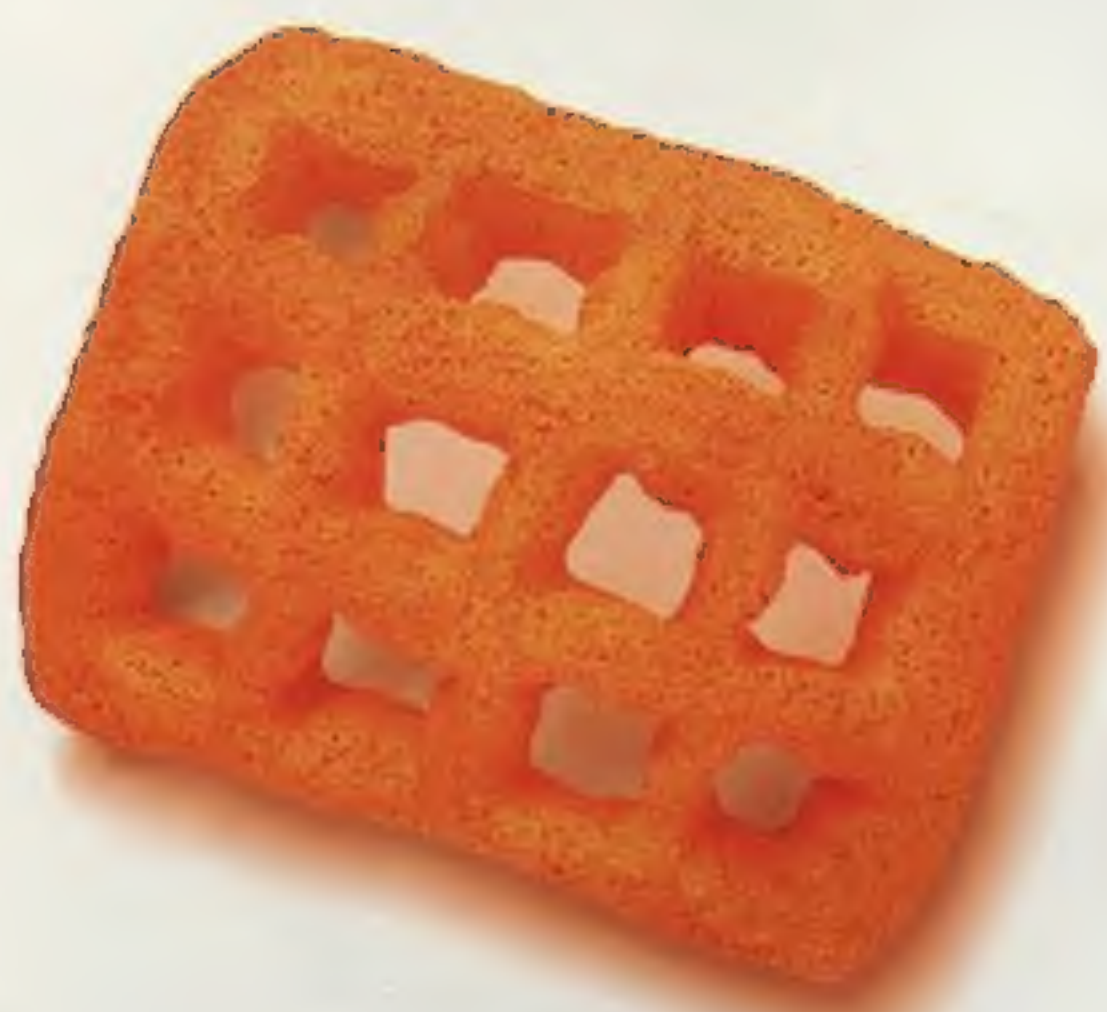
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